1836.

On Wednesday evening, May 25, at an extra meeting, this Mission was regularly organized for the transaction of business, by the adoption of a set of rules, and the election of officers. For three weeks before, regular meetings were held, by mutual agreement of the missionaries then residing here, (Messrs. Ira Tracy, Dickinson, Arms, and North) on Tuesday evening of each week, and regular records kept of the proceedings. These meetings grew out of previous informal meetings for conversation concerning the affairs of the mission, and for mutual advice, of the results of which no records were kept. The inconvenience and confusion arising from every man's doing that which was right in his own eyes, without any regular division of labor, or any reference to the wishes of the other members of the Mission, becoming more and more manifest, the meetings gradually became more formal and regular, and their decisions considered as binding upon all the members. In consequence of the informality of the meetings previous to May 3, no records were kept. They were held on no particular evening of the week, but whenever circumstances required, most of them during the month of April, a few in March. No business of importance was transacted in them.

May 3, 1836. Voted, That Mr. Arms be appointed a committee to examine the subject of Malay schools in Singapore, and report at the next meeting.

Voted, That Mr. Dickinson be a committee to examine the subject of Chinese schools in Singapore, and report at the next meeting.

Voted, That Mr. North be a committee to examine the subject of female schools in Singapore, and report at the next meeting.

Voted, That we receive 40 boys: 20 of them into the Chinese school, and 20 into the Malay school, as fast as they shall offer themselves.

Voted, That Mr. Tracy write to Mr. Anderson a statement of the state of things around us in respect to education, and of what we are doing, and proposing to do, and that he request Mr. A. to give us advice and direction.[†]

Voted, That Mr. Dickinson write a letter of inquiry to Ceylon, with a view to obtain the results of the experience of that mission with respect to schools.

[This letter was addressed to Mr. Poor, dated May 10.[*]]

Voted, That Mr. North make inquiries, and report, respecting a plan and the cost of a house for William Brown.

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[*] An answer was received September 10. See Miscellaneous Letters, Vol. 1st, page

[†] A letter was written giving a very favorable report of the state of things here with respect to this subject. This was regretted when the Mission became better acquainted with it. A different statement was made in the Annual Report at the end of the year, which see.

[Wm. Brown is a Protestant Portuguese in the employ of the Mission. He was instructed by Mr. Thomsen in type making, printing, and book binding. He is now living in one of the damp, uncomfortable brick houses on the Mission premises. The Mission think it best to build a comfortable wooden house in a drier place, for the accommodation of his family and some of the Portuguese and Malay boys in the boarding school.]

Voted, That Mr. Arms take under his care a Malay school in Campong Glam, and pay its teacher $7 per month.*

[Note. This is a school established by the natives for the purpose of instructing their children in chanting the Koran in Arabic. It consents to come under the direction of the Mission, and to exchange Arabic studies for Malay.]

May 10. Voted, That Messrs. Tracy & Dick be a committee for finding another place for the dispensary.

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* This school and two other Malay out schools were established in Campong Glam, the teachers to have $7 to $8 per month, according to the number of children they should obtain. Shortly after, they were given up, the teachers being found unable to read. The whole expense of these schools was $42.15. On the subject of Malay out schools, see Book of Annual Reports, page 38. On teachers, page 41.

[Note. The dispensary is now kept at the "Morrison house."]

This evening principally taken up in discussing the various matters reported on, according to votes of May 3.

May 17. Voted, That Mr. North be a committee for reporting another plan for Wm. Brown's house.

[Note. The plan reported May 10, according to vote of May 3, was rejected.]

Voted, That the Mission support another Malay school in Campong Glam, consisting partly of boys, and partly of girls.

Voted, That Mr. Tracy be a committee for investigating our title to the lot we are building on.

[Note. Fears are entertained as to the legality of the title. When Mr. Thomsen went to America, he did not give his agent, Mr. Scott, power to sign his name, though in all other respects the transfer was regular.]

Voted, That at the opening of every meeting, the proceedings of the next meeting previous be read, before any business is attended to.

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May 24. Voted, That Mr. North report another plan of a dwelling house for William Brown.

Voted, That Mr. Johnston be our referee for determining the rate of interest to be paid by the Mission on the price of the lot we occupy, and that in case of the decline of Mr. Johnston to act, Mr. Spottiswood be our referee.

[Note. One rate of interest was to be paid during the time we had the refusal of the lot, from June, 1834, till November, 1835, and another rate after we purchased the lot, Nov. 1835, till it was paid for, May 31, 1836. The price of the lot was $1000. Mr. Johnston was chosen referee by Mr. Scott also, the other party. The rates fixed were per cent. before the purchase, and afterwards, amounting, in all, to $

Voted, That Mr. Dickinson be a committee for drawing up and presenting to Government a petition for a grant to the Mission, of the lot opposite the rear of the one we occupy.*

Voted, That we offer to support a Hok-kien school in Singapore [village or down town] giving 25 cents per month for every scholar, for the remainder of the year.

Voted, That we propose to give a teacher in Campong Glam one rupee [Java] per scholar per month, for a Hok-kien school there, for the remainder of the year.

May 25. Extra Meeting. Adopted the following Constitution, or Rules:

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* This petition was afterwards withdrawn. See page 19.

Rules*

Adopted by the Missionaries of the A.B.C.F.M. at Singapore,

To guide them in transacting the business of the Mission.

1. There shall be a meeting for business on every Tuesday evening, and whenever the Moderator considers a meeting necessary, or is requested to call one by any member of the Mission.

2. A Moderator and Scribe[†] shall be appointed at the first regular meeting in each year, the latter of whom shall keep a record of the doings of the meetings, and once in three months transmit to the Missionary Rooms an abstract of that record, showing the most important transactions.

3. All letters and communications sent to the

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[*] The 1st, 2d, 3d, and 6th rules are not in force, being superseded by others adopted Jan. 3, 1837. See page 28. The 4th, 5th, and 7th remain in force, and are numbered, in the new set of rules, the 9th, 10th, and 12th, page 31.

[†] Mr. Tracy had been, from the beginning, Moderator, and Mr. North Scribe. They were appointed again, and continued in office till Jan. 3, 1837.

Missionary Rooms shall be first submitted by the writers of them to the perusal of the other members of the Mission, and all communications from the Rooms, and others relating to important interests of the Mission, shall also be made known to all the brethren.

4. In regard to all matters affecting the interests of the Mission, each individual shall consider himself responsible to the Mission, as well as to the Prudential Committee.

5. In respect to their personal expenses, the brethren and sisters of the Mission shall consider themselves responsible only to the Prudential Committee.

6. Each missionary or missionary's family, shall keep an exact account of all expenditures for missionary purposes, and present an abstract of the same to

the member of the Mission who shall draw up the annual report at the close of each year.

7. It shall be the duty of the Scribe to acquaint all missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M. arriving at Singapore with these rules, and invite them to take such part in the proceedings of the Mission as their knowledge of the business transacted enables them to do.

Agreed also, this evening, upon the following division of labor:

Mr. Tracy's Department.

1. Care of Chinese block cutters and printers, proof reading, and distribution of Chinese books.

2. Care of Chinese out schools, and of Chinese instruction* in the boarding school.

3. Chinese religious services.

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* English instruction belongs to Mr. Dickinson's department.

4. Mission Library.

5. The spiritual interests of all under his care.

6. To be the general treasurer of the Mission, and the specific treasurer of those departments which come under his particular direction.

7. The dispensary a part of the time.

8. The general and miscellaneous business of the mission, except such parts as naturally, or by assignment, come under the care of others.

Mr. North's Department.

1. All printing, proof reading, and distribution of books, except in the Chinese language.

2. The care of book binding, of printed books, of the furniture for all printing, except the Chinese; also, of all paper.

3. To pay all persons employed in his departments.

4. To be postmaster of the Mission.

5. The care of the Malay out schools.

6. To attend to the spiritual interests of all under his care.

7. The care of the buildings and grounds of the Mission.

8. The Malay department of the boarding school, including food, furniture, rooms, stationary, books, instruction, and government.

Mr. Dickinson's Department.

1. Care of the Chinese department of the boarding school, except Chinese instruction*; to provide food, furniture, rooms, stationary, books; to govern the school, and have the care of its spiritual interests and pecuniary concerns.

2. The dispensary a part of the time.

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* Which belongs to Mr. Tracy's department.

It is understood that each person, being responsible to the Mission, [Rule 4, page 9] may be called upon at any time, for an explanation of what he is doing in his department; also, that a different assignment of labor may at any time be made by the Mission.

May 31. Voted, That Mr. North be authorized to inquire of Mr. Ward of Padang, concerning his Malay Testament.

[Mr. Ward is to be written to, in order to ascertain the advantages he supposes his translation to have over Mr. Thomsen's, with a view to our printing some translation before long.*]

June 7. Voted, That the petition, prepared by Mr. Dickinson, for a lot for our proposed seminary, be presented to Government.

[Note. The vote May 24, page 7, had, or ought to have had reference to the preparation of this petition for the approval of the meeting, though it is not so expressed. According to custom, the document was presented to the meeting before sending to Government, and by the above vote of this evening, approved.]

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* For an account of Mr. Ward and his labors, see Missionary Herald for August, 1835, page 297. Instead of 40.000 words which he has collected, read 10.000.

June 14. No vote. Discussion of various matters.

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June 28. Voted, That the dispensary in town, [village, or down town] be given up.

[Note. It is to be moved to the Mission premises. Attending to it down town takes up too much time.[†]]

Voted, That Mr. North be a committee to inquire about the durability, expense, &c. of native houses of kajang and hatap, with reference to our building one on the Mission premises for the accommodation of our Malay teacher.[*]

[†] An account of this matter may be seen in the Book of Annual Reports, page 15.

[*] The committee ascertained that such a house, 20 feet square, on posts driven into the ground, would cost $25, and last three years. It was concluded not to build it. A wooden house was erected for the Malay teacher and boys. See Aug. 19.

July 2. Extra Meeting. Voted, That a TeuChew school be established in town [down town], the teacher to have one rupee [Java] per month for every scholar.

July 5. No vote. Discussions.

July 6. Extra Meeting. Voted, That a building be erected for the Chinese printing, at the cost of not more than $138.*

July 7. Extra Meeting. Voted, That a TeuChew school be established in Campong Glam, the teacher to have for every scholar from 25 cents to one rupee [Java] per month, at the discretion of Mr. Tracy.

July 12. No vote.

July 19. No vote.

July 26. Voted, That a report be made out, as soon as possible, by the Scribe, in reference to the buildings of the Mission, their cost, size, materials, the amount of room and accommodation which they afford, and forwarded to the Missionary Rooms, and that no other buildings be erected till we hear from the Committee, unless circumstances render it indispensably necessary; and further, that the members of the Mission state particularly to the Committee their views respecting the style of building that is most suitable, and the number and kind of buildings that will probably be wanted during the next two years.*

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* The builder agreed to erect it for $128, in consideration of the privilege of using the old boards and timber of the building to be torn down to make room for the new one. Five dollars were paid for alterations from the original plan, making, in all, $133.

Aug. 2. Voted, That the Scribe be appointed a committee for procuring a doby for our Chinese and Malay boys.†

[Note. The boys, till now, have been left to get their clothes washed as they could. The consequence is, much confusion, dirt, and discontentment.]

Aug. 9. Voted, That Mr. Tracy be authorized to make a donation of Chinese books from the storehouse of the Mission, to an amount not exceeding \$50.*

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* The Scribe accordingly drew an accurate map of the premises, on a scale of 1/16th of an inch to a foot, with an exact description of each building on the margin, opposite. All the members of the Mission were of opinion that another dwelling house was wanted, and that two small, cheap buildings probably would be wanted, for Malay and Chinese boys, in two years. This opinion, however, has not yet been communicated to the Rooms, (Jan. 18, 1837) nor the latter part of the vote acted upon.

† The Scribe took a Chinaman to wash the boys' clothes, but after several weeks trial found him mighty ignorant of the business, whereat he procured a regular Kling doby.

Voted, That Mr. North be a committee to inquire about the house on the lot next back of ours, occupied by a Portuguese.

[It is thought that the house may do for Ke Sing and some of our Chinese boys.†]

Aug. 16. No vote. Conversation about schools.

Aug. 17. Extra Meeting. Discussion about Tin Ching. Is it best to expel him from the school? ‡

Voted, That the Scribe be a committee to report a plan and the cost of a building opposite the Chinese printing house, for the accommodation of Malay boys.

Aug. 19. Extra Meeting. Voted, That an eating & sleeping house for the Malay boys, be erected, according to the plan presented by the committee, at the cost of \$190.

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* Books, from \$47 to \$50 worth were sent to Mr. Rutt-ger, a German missionary at Rhio.

† It was found to be too small.

‡ About this time, Mr. Dickinson had a good deal of trouble with the Chinese boys. Concerning Tin Ching see Book of Annual Reports, page 32.

Aug. 23. No vote.

Aug. 30. No vote.

Sept. 6. No vote.

Sept. 13. No vote. During the last four weeks Mr. Tracy has been ill. There being no business of pressing importance on hand, none was transacted, except sending a letter to the Siam Mission concerning the projected seminary, according to the direction of the Prudential Committee.* The substance of this letter he saw and approved before he became quite unable to attend to business. The members of the Mission are only two besides Mr. Tracy. Mr. Arms sailed for Borneo, May 25th.

Sept. 20. Voted, That we consult a lawyer concerning the tenure of land in Singapore; also, concerning our holding native boys by indenture.

[Note. The object is to know whether the American Board can hold landed property here, and if they can, how. Also, on what terms Government will grant land. We wish to know, more-over, if there is any way by which we can secure native boys by indenture, in order to a more efficient government of the schools.]

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* See Mr. Anderson's Letters, page 57.

Voted, That the Scribe be a committee to inquire about building a fence around our premises.

Voted, That Mr. Dickinson write to Mr. Wingrove, Superintendent of Lands, that we withdraw our petition for a grant of the lot in rear of ours. [See June 7, page 13.

[The principal reason for our withdrawing the petition is, that we have received a communication from the Rooms directing us to have as little to do as possible with Government men. We think it would, for other reasons, be undesirable to ask and to receive grants of land on any other than the usual terms to purchasers. We do not wish to be entangled by obligations to Government. Besides, it is not certain that that lot will answer our purpose.

Sept. 21. Extra Meeting. No vote.

Sept. 22. Etra Meeting. No vote.

Sept. 23. Extra Meeting. No vote. These three evenings have been taken up in discussing questions relating to the seminary: course of study, books, library, teachers, lot, kind of buildings, &c. &c. Answers to a list of questions on these subjects were prepared, to be sent to the Rooms as our unanimous opinions. Some conversation was had, also, about the proposal of the Prudential Committee to send a book-binder and a Tuft's power press here. It was concluded that both would be useless, and even injurious. Also, some conversation about their proposal to send another printer. On this subject, the members of the Mission differ in opinion.

Sept. 27. No vote. Conversation about another printer. The Scribe was directed to prepare a list of questions in reference to indentures, to present for the approval of the meeting, before sending to an attorney.

Sept. 30. Extra Meeting. No vote. Discussion respecting the expediency of yielding to the wishes of the boys in the Chinese school, that they receive and expend their monthly allowance for food themselves, instead of Ke Sing's doing it for them. Not to yield would probably break up the school. Concluded, first to see their parents, and try to get them to help resist the boys. Thought best to turn Gaw, Mr. Dickinson's teacher, out of the school, and get another in his place.

Divided the meeting into three committees to find houses for our expected reinforcement: One, down town; one, out of town; one in Campong Glam. †

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Oct. 4. Voted, That we endeavor to establish a Chinese girls' school in Singapore [down town] to be located near the market, under the care of a native male teacher, whose wages are to be fixed at Mr. Tracy's discretion.

Voted, That Mr. North be a committee to attend to the completing of the bargain between ourselves and the Bengallee bookbinder in the employ of Mr. Moor, concerning the instruction of Chi-ho in the art of bookbinding.*

[Note. The Bengallee promised to teach a man the niceties of his art as far as possible in one year, for $25 and Chi-ho's work in the mean time. Chi-ho already understands something of the business, which, with the addition of a year's work with a good binder, we think will qualify him very well to take charge of the bindery. See Sept. 23.]

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* Chi-ho afterwards declined going. The committee sent in his stead a Portuguese boy, John Baptista Pestana, whom Alfoo, the binder agreed, in writing, to teach in one year his whole art for $50 and Pestana's work. He also agreed to teach Miguel a Portuguese binder in our employ, four months for $20.

† These committees never reported.

Conversation about Mr. Tracy's moving to town. He thinks it would be well for him to hire a house in the business part of the town, where he would be among the natives. The other members of the Mission expressed no opinion on the subject.*

Conversed also about getting a Chinese teacher for our boarding school.

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Oct. 11. No vote.

Oct. 13. Extra Meeting. No vote. The question whether we need another printer discussed. Mr. Tracy is of opinion that we do; the other members that we do not.†

Mr. Tracy's letter to the Secretary of the American Tract Society concerning the manner in which the appropriations of that Society to this Mission have been disposed of, approved.

Read, also, a letter to the Rooms, containing the list of questions which were sent to Siam and China concerning the Seminary, with the answers of ourselves and the Canton missionaries.‡

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* When the missionaries came Dec. 17, (see Dec. 20, page 26) Mr. Tracy moved to the hill. Mr. Travelli occupied the rooms he left.

† Mr. T. afterwards approved a letter to the Rooms saying we did not.

‡ The answers of the Siam mission had not been received.

Oct. 18. No vote. Discussion concerning a new fence around our premises: What kind is best: plank, betel wood, or a brick wall?

Question came up: What house or houses shall we provide for the new missionaries who are daily expected? Shall we hire Mr. Ryan's large house for the four families; or put only two in that house, and hire Mr. Hewitson's or some other, for the other two? Concluded to propose to Mr. Ryan that he should repair the house, and in case we do not take it when our friends arrive, that we pay half the expense of repairs.

Conversed, also, about proposing to some merchant in town to become our agent for transmitting packages and boxes to America, Siam, Batavia, but came to no definite conclusion.*

Oct. 24. Extra Meeting. Voted, That bro. Tracy be empowered to employ two, or if he deem it expedient, three more Chinese printers.

[Note. This vote was in consequence of Mr. Bridgman's saying, Urge on the printing of the New Testament, in order to be ready to supply the distributing ship which will go up the coast in a few months.]

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* A few weeks after, Mr. Balestier became our agent.

Oct. 25. Voted, That 2000 copies of the gospel of John in Malay, be printed, and 3000 if sufficient paper can be obtained.

Voted, That in our opinion it is not expedient that Mr. Hope go to Macao, as is advised by the brethren of the Canton mission.*

[Note. It was resolved by the Canton mission to "urge on the Singapore Mission, and on the Prudential Committee," that Mr. Hope go to Macao, when he should arrive here from America, in order to take charge of a hospital for the Chinese. It is thought by this Mission that the care of such an establishment would be incompatible with his studying the Chinese language so as to become qualified for a more important station of usefulness for which he is designed by the Committee.]

Nov. 1. Voted, That bro. Tracy be a committee to obtain information concerning Mr. Duff's school at Calcutta.

[With reference to the seminary. Mr. Duff's school sustains a high character.]

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* Dr. Parker was alarmed at the prospect of his never getting time to study Chinese.

Evening principally taken up in discussing subjects connected with the Seminary. Document mentioned Oct. 13, approved.

Nov. 8. Voted, That Mr. Tracy be authorized to send to Mr. Ruttger Fifty Dollars worth of Chinese books in addition to those granted him before [see Aug. 9, page 16] and $50 cash to defray the expenses of their distribution.

Nov. 15. Voted, That we buy and send to the Rooms a copy of Capt. Löw's book on Penang, Malacca, and Singapore.

[This is a treatise principally on the agriculture of the places mentioned. It contains, however, valuable information on other subjects. Price, $4.50.]

Nov. 22. No vote.

Nov. 29. No meeting. The members of the Mission engaged in assisting Mr. Arms to make preparation for his passage to Borneo.

Dec. 6. No vote. Conversation concerning the yearly report of the Mission. Agreed that each member compose a report of his own department, and that the three reports, Mr.

Tracy's, Mr. Dickinson's, and Mr. North's, be sent to the Rooms as one report.

Dec. 13. No vote. Further discussion concerning the annual report, two parts of which, Mr. Tracy's and Mr. Dickinson's were presented for approval. With slight alterations, they were approved.

Dec. 20. No meeting. The newly arrived missionaries, Messrs. Hope, Travelli, Stephen Tracy were busy, moving into the new house previously hired and fitted up for them on the hill owned by Mr. Ryan, opposite the Chinese burying ground, beyond Singapore. Page 23. They arrived Dec. 17.

Dec. 27. Meeting held at the house on the hill for the first time. The rules of the Mission read for the information of the new members present, and amendments proposed. After some discussion, the amendments were laid over till next week.

[Recess for Tea.]

Mr. Hope asked the advice of the Mission as to what dialect of the Chinese he should study. He was advised to study Hok-kien.

The question then came up, Shall we form a mission church? And, if it be thought best, what form shall we adopt? No form with which we are acquainted, is free from difficulties. Therefore,

Voted, That Mr. Dickinson be a committee to write to Ceylon, to Bombay, and to Mr. Anderson, to obtain information on this subject.

Voted, That the first Monday in the coming year, [Jan. 2] be observed by this Mission as a day of fasting and prayer.

Voted, That Messrs. Tracy and Dickinson be a committee to take charge of the examination and baptism of Ke Sing.*

[Ke Sing was examined for baptism on the evening of the 29th at the house on the hill, and baptized in the Chinese school room, by Mr. Tracy, after an address by Leang Afa, on Sabbath morning, Jan. 1, 1837.]

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* For information concerning Ke Sing, see Book of Annual Reports, page 21.

Voted, That Mr. North be authorized to bind the two Malay boys, Bäkar and Páitei, with the help of any member of the Mission he may choose.[*]

Jan. 3, 1837. Meeting on the hill. The following adopted as the Rules of the Mission:

1. There shall be a meeting for business on every [+]other Tuesday evening, and also whenever any two members of the Mission shall request a meeting. Each meeting shall be opened with prayer by the Chairman, immediately after which the records of the previous meeting shall be read.

2. The several members of the Mission shall preside in rotation, in alphabetical order.

3. There shall be a Treasurer, Librarian, and two Auditors, to be appointed at the first regular meeting in

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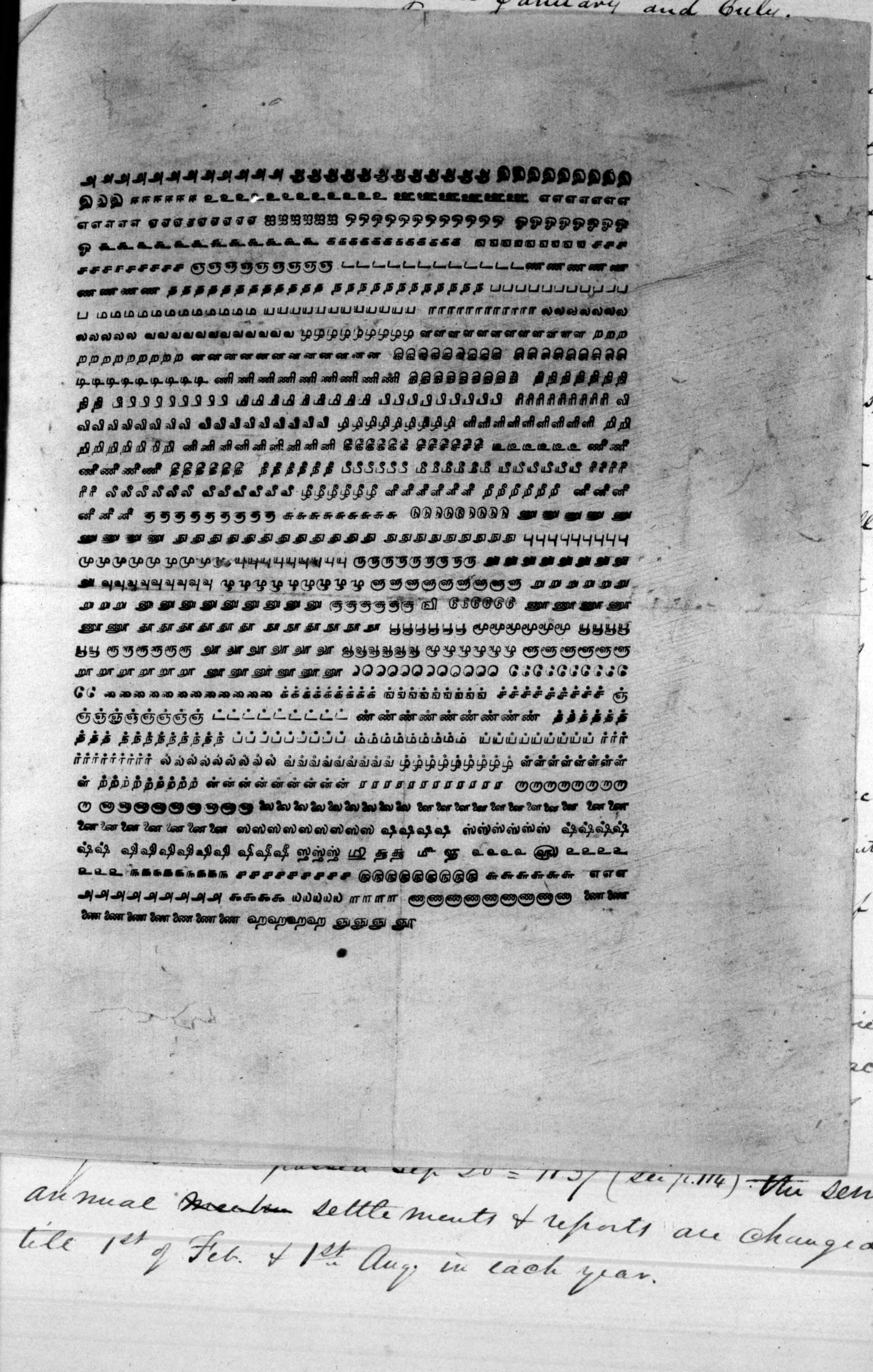
[*] On the subject of binding boys, see Book of Annual Reports, page 40.

[+] By a vote passed Oct 3rd 1837 the word other was inserted in this regulation.

January, and a Scribe, to be appointed semi-annually at the first regular meeting in January and July.



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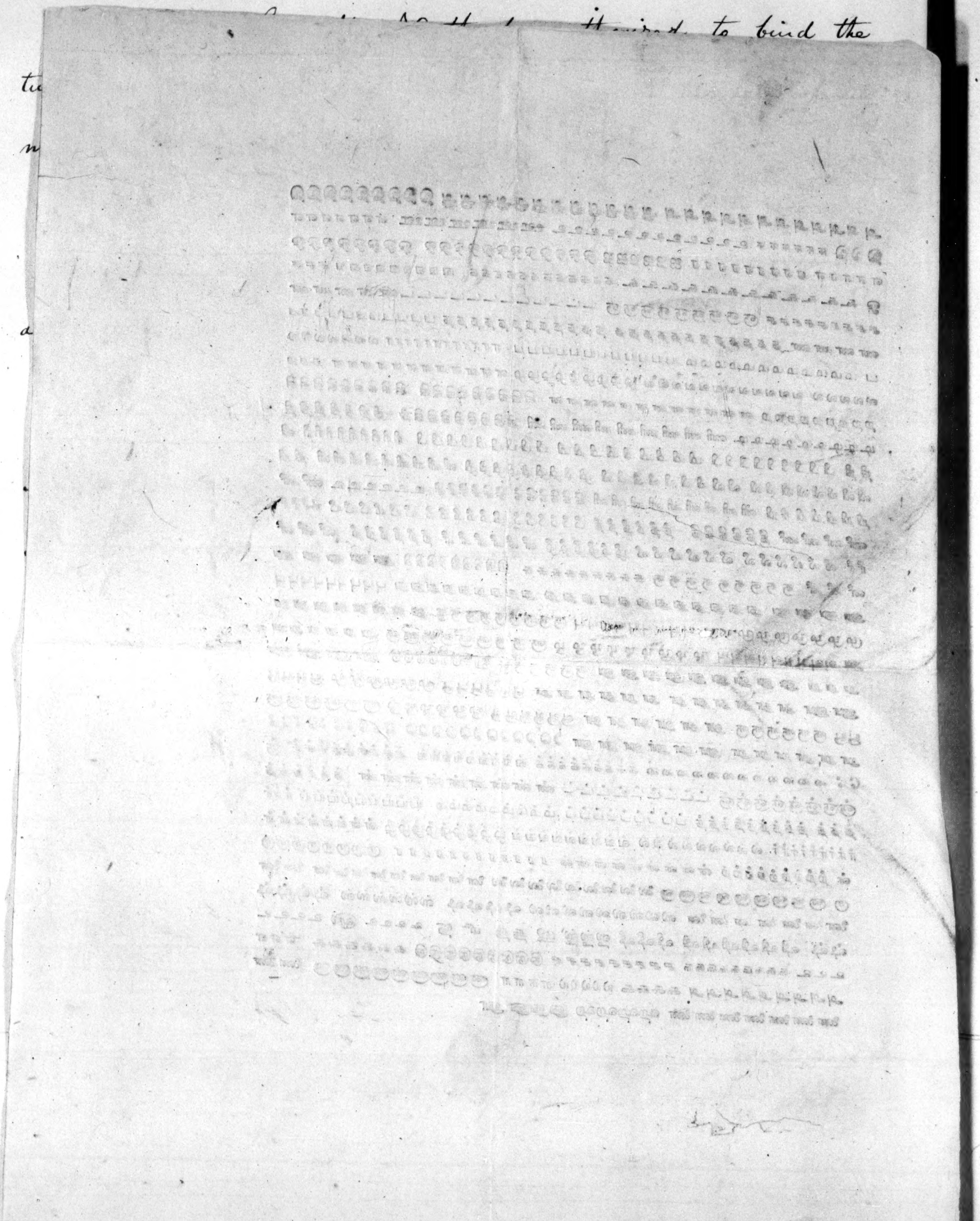

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4. The Treasurer shall be responsible to the Mission, as well as to the Prudential Committee, and shall present semi-annually, at the first regular meeting in January and July, his accounts of all moneys and bills received, and of all moneys paid out. +

5. The Librarian shall take charge of the books, pamphlets, and periodicals of the Mission; keep a catalogue of the books, and at the close of each year shall present a statement of the number and value of the books, and also of the number and value of the books received during the year.

6. The Auditors shall examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer twice in the year, and no accounts shall be considered as settled without the certificate of the Auditors that they are correct.

+ A resolution passed July 14th 1837 page 83 requires the Treasurer to furnish at the third meeting in each month a summary statement showing the state of the treasury.

+ By resolution passed Sep 20th 1837 (see p. 114) ~~the~~ semi-annual [illegible] settlements & reports are changed till 1st of Feb. & 1st Aug. in each year.

7. The Scribe shall keep a record of the doings of the meetings, an abstract of which, showing the most important transactions, together with a letter explanatory of said abstract, shall, at the close of his term of office, be presented to the Mission, to be transmitted, if approved, to the Missionary Rooms.

8. All letters and communications sent to the Missionary Rooms, having reference to the interests of the Mission, or of any member of the Mission, except the writer and his own family, shall first be submitted to the perusal of the other members of the Mission; and all communications from the Missionary Rooms, with the exception above specified, of letters having reference exclusively to the private affairs of the persons receiving them; and all other letters sent or received, relating to important interests of the Mission, shall be made known to all the brethren.

9. In regard to all matters affecting the interests of the Mission, each individual shall consider himself responsible to the Mission, as well as to the Prudential Committee.

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10. Each missionary shall keep an exact account of all his expenditures for the Mission, and shall present the same to the Treasurer on the 25th of June, and on the 25th of December.

11. In respect to their personal expenses, the brethren and sisters of the Mission shall be responsible only to the Prudential Committee.

12. It shall be the duty of the Scribe to acquaint all missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M. arriving at Singapore, with these rules, and invite them to take such part in the proceedings of the Mission, as their knowledge of the business transacted enables them to do. ×

× For an interpretation of this rule see p. 118.

Mr. Hope was chosen Scribe.

Mr. North was chosen Treasurer.

Messrs. Travelli and Stephen Tracy were chosen Auditors.

Mr. Travelli was chosen Librarian.

Voted, That Mr. Tracy ascertain the rate of rent, present and prospective, to which the grounds on the hill now occupied by members of the Mission, are subject, and all other information respecting said grounds which he may think important, and that he communicate the same to the Missionary Rooms, with the request that this Mission be instructed whether or not to purchase said grounds.

Voted, That this Mission subscribe to the Singapore Free School Four Dollars per month.*

[The reasons for this vote are, 1. It is a good school. Its object is the same as ours: to educate the natives. 2. We wish it to be distinctly understood, that our seminary is not a rival institution.

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* For information about this school, see a volume of pamphlets in the Mission library, containing its yearly reports.

Voted, That at the close of the present year each missionary present to the Mission a statement of his private expenses, with a view to the Mission's stating to the Prudential Committee their opinion respecting the salary to be allowed each missionary or missionary's family.

Voted, That Messrs. Dickinson, Travelli, and North, be a committee to bind the Malay boys Bakar & Pantei, by such indentures as the Mission shall approve.

[Note. Mr. North thinks that the vote of Dec. 27, page 28, which authorized him to do this business, was too hasty, and does not wish to take upon himself the responsibility of establishing so important a precedent as he finds, upon investigation, this will be.]

Voted, That Messrs. Travelli and North be a committee to cut a door through a wall in the Mission house, between the back stairs and the lower room formerly used as a store room.

Voted, That the Monthly Concert be always held at the Mission house, at half past seven, P. M.

Voted, That the Lord's Supper be always administered at the house on the hill.

Jan 10th Meeting at 4 OClk on the hill.

The committee appointed to obtain information respecting the hill now occupied by the Mission reported that a letter had been received from Mr Ryan the proprietor giving the requisite information respecting the premises. His letter was ordered to be filed: and the same committee were ordered to write to the Rooms on the subject of purchasing these premises.

Voted that the hour of holding this meeting be 5 OClk and that it be held alternately at the mission house & on the hill.

Resolved that Messrs Hope, Robbins, Travelli, and Mr Dickinson so far as his duties at the Chapel will allow, take upon themselves the duty of Seamans Chaplain in turn, each 4 weeks at a time - except during the months of June & July, when the change of Chaplain shall take place every week; - that the

Chaplain ascertain each sabbath so far as he can the number of vessels in port manned with sailors who use the English language, & the number of such sailors – that he provide himself with a boat for the day & visit if possible all vessels having on board sailors who speak the English – that such person while he acts as Chaplain keep a journal of his doings & of every thing of interest which comes under his notice – & that at the end of the year a report be forwarded to the Seaman's Friend Society.

Note. This was in compliance with the request of the Seaman's F. Soc. concurred in by the Prudential Committee. See correspondenc

Resolved that the Librarian send to the Editors of the Friend of India, a bill on Calcutta for 100 Rupees, with a request that they forward to this mission the back numbers of the weekly series of the Friend of India commencing with the 30 number; and that they consider this mission as subscribing for said periodical from this time forward:- And further, that the Librarian request said Editors to send all such reports & pamphlets in respect to the doings of the Serampore Mission and College as they think will be useful to this mission: and that they also send Dr Marshman's Chinese Grammar & his other works illustrating the Chinese language.

Voted that Dr Tracy be a committee to request permission for Mr I. Tracy to examine the papers of Mr Stevens dec.d & to request Cap Frazer to leave the papers & effects of Mr Stevens till his return from Borneo.

Note Mr Stevens in company with Mr Lay of the British & For. Bible Soc arrived here in December in the Brig Himmaleh Cap. Frazer intending to explore the islands of the Archipellago especially Borneo; but was seized with a severe fever and died Jan 5th. The expedition was at the expense of the Messrs Olyphant & co. of Canton.

Voted that if Mr Dickinson or Mr I. Tracy can arrange their business so that one of them can accompany the proposed expedition under Cap. Frazer in the room of Mr Stevens, the mission will authorise and recommend such a step. Note Cap. Frazer in conversation expressed the conviction that such an arrangement would receive the cordial approbation of his employers.

The establishment of a periodical in connexion with this mission having been proposed by Major Alexander: ~~and~~ the subject was discussed and the mission came to the unanimous conclusion that it was not expedient to establish one at present.

Voted that Mr I. Tracy & Dr Tracy be a committee to write to the Rooms respecting the permanent location of Dr Tracy.

Voted that Mr Dickinson be a Committee to write to the Rooms on the subject of the transportation of Missionaries.

Note. This was occasioned by the great inconveniencies and injury of health which some of our missionaries have sustained for want of good accommodations at sea.

Voted; that Mr North & Mr Travelli be a committee to purchase furniture for the mission room, subject to the approval of the mission. Adjourned.

Jan 11th Mission held a meeting to consider whether Mr Wolf of the Lond. Mis. Soc. should not go in the place of Mr Dickinson or Mr Tracy After some discussion it was concluded that the mission recommend Mr Dickinson and Mr Wolf both to go provided the vessel will accommodate them and the Captain be willing to take them both.

Mission adjourned till 5½ OClk that the requisite information might be obtained.

5½ OClk. The proposals from Captain Frazer not having been received it was resolved that the members at the mission house be a committee with full powers to conclude the contract.

Jan 17th Meeting at the mission house. Mr Dickinson read his letter on the subject of the trasportation of missionaries; which with some additions suggested by members was approved & ordered to be sent to the Rooms.

Resolved; that is expedient that this mission be authorised to purchase the house and 14 acres of ground upon the hill belonging to Mr Ryan at a sum not exceeding 3000 Sp. Drs and to erect upon said grounds, & upon the grounds now in the possession of the mission, two dwelling houses, at an expense not exceeding 1100 Sp Drs for each house, with its out houses.

Resolved that Mr Tracy inform Mr Ryan that the mission accept his offer in his note of 5th Jan and that Mr Tracy write to the Rooms on the subject.

Resolved that we believe the expenses of this mission during the year 1837 will be 12.750 Sp Drs;- & during the year 1838 will be 13.400 Sp Drs:- and that the Treasurer be directed to forward the above estimates to the Rooms. Note:- the Board have resolved to require their missionaries to furnish an estimate of their probable expenses in time to have it submitted to the Committee, before those expenses are actually incurred. See Mr. A's letter.

Resolved that Rev. Mr Robbins with the assistance and advice of Mr Ira Tracy petition the Dutch Government for permission to reside in the island of Borneo

Resolved that Mr Travelli be a committee to fit up the rooms formerly occupied by the Malay school, for the accommodation of American sailors who may be sick: and that Mr. Balestier be informed that the mission will receive and take care of, without charge, such sailors as he may think need medical assistance. Note. This resolution arose from the fact that sailors often suffer exceedingly in these foreign ports from neglect: and if placed under medical care have a very large proportion of their wages swallowed up in the physician's bill.

Resolved that the former correspondence of the Board with this mission be furnished to the Librarian with a view to his putting it in a permanent & accessible form, for the benefit of the mission.

Voted that Mr. Travelli be requested to answer the letter of Mr. Greenleaf respecting the Seaman's Chaplaincy. See pp 34, 35

Voted that the bill for sick sent by Mr.

Williams of Canton for Mr. Evans of Malacca be not forwarded and that the value of the silks lost be charged to the Am. Bible Society in a/c with this mission.

Voted that it be the duty of the scribe to take charge of all letters from the board except those of the Treasurer & acknowledge the receipt of them.

Resolved that a conveyance in legal form of the land now occupied by the mission be procured from Mr. Scott as Agt. of Mr Thomsen and that Mr. Anderson be informed of the same, and of the mistake in the power of attorney sent by Mr. Thomsen respecting the Christian name of Mr. Scott.

Voted that the Librarian be requested to take charge of all periodicals addressed to the mission, divide them fairly between the residences of the members of the mission, exchange them at the end of a week; and at the end of two months place them in mission library.

The subject of the care of the Chinese Boys now under the charge of the mission was presented and discussed at great length when it was Resolved that Messrs Hope & I Tracy be a Committee with plenipotentiary powers in regard to the Chinese schools for Six Months from this date.

January 18th Mission held a meeting to consider the propriety of filling the pulpit of the Chapel of the Lond. Mis. Society in compliance with the request of Mr. Wolf. When it was Resolved that Messrs Hope & Travelli have permission, if they see fit, to accept the offer of Rev Mr. Wolf in reference to taking charge of the pulpit and the usual religious services on the Sabbath.

Jan 24th. Meeting on the hill. After reading the minutes the several committees appointed at the last meeting were called on to report. Mr Tracy on the subject of the purchase of Ryan's hill reported that he had obtained from Mr. Hewetson Sec. of the Land Office copies of the documents relating to the tenure of lands which he read to the meeting

Voted that copies of these and of all the papers relating to the purchase of said property together with a letter be forwarded to the rooms.

Voted that Mr Tracy be a committee to obtain further information about the tenure of this property. Note. It appeared from the documents above mentioned that the lands granted on ~~these~~ the terms therein mentioned must be out of the borough of Singapore and also that they were granted for the purpose of cultivation. Mr Tracy was appointed to inquire into the bearing of these points on our tenure of the property.

Mr Travelli reported that it appeared on examination that the rooms intended for the sailors hospital would be too damp and that a better arrangement could be made for sick sailors in one of the other rooms of the mission premises

Voted that the ~~Commi~~ report be accepted and the committee discharged.

Mr Travelli reported that he had answered the letter of Mr Greenleaf in reference to the

Seaman's Chaplaincy.

The Librarian reported that the bill for 100 Rupees had been sent, with a letter, to the Editors of "the Friend of India" by the Rev Mr Hughes

The Committee on furniture for the Mission room reported that they had bought a doz chairs & two lamps. The report was accepted.

Mr Tracy from the Committee on Chinese Schools reported the following preamble and resolutions: Wheras it is important to the interests of the mission, that a school of Chinese youth, to be kept as constantly as possible under the superintendance of the mission, be collected; and the past experience of the mission has shown that it may be very difficult to collect and secure for a length of time such boys as should compose such a school; - and whereas it is important that said school should be in existence and making progress as soon as possible; therefore,

Resolved that in case Brs Hope and Tracy can obtain from 5 to 20 boys of such age and capacity that they shall consider them suitable boys to educate, whose parents or guardians shall be willing to obligate them to remain under the care of the mission for a period of not less, in any case, than 5 years, they be authorised to bind said boys to the mission by a legal indenture, or such other form of written agreement as they may deem expedient, pledging the mission to feed, clothe & in all respects provide for the said boys during the ~~said~~ period specified in the several agreements;- which in no case shall exceed 15 years.

The preceding paper elicited a long discussion the chief ground of hesitation being the want of a prepared person or persons to undertake and carry on the business with the requisite degree of attention and energy. It was finally on motion resolved that the subject be postponed till the next meeting.

Resolved that Atik be required to reside on the hill and be under the care of Brs Hope & Tracy as the only condition on which the mission will continue to support & instruct him.

Voted that each member make out a list of such books as he may think desirable for the Library, and hand it to the Librarian before the close of the week, in order that he may make out a complete list to be submitted to the mission at the next meeting.

Voted that Mr Travelli be appointed to administer the Lord's Supper on the first Sab. of Feb. and that the hour of the service be left to his discretion.

Voted that the scribe be directed to write to Mr Bridgeman to obtain their views of the relation subsisting between the mission at Canton and that of Singapore.

Note the Canton Mission have recently sent us a boy to educate and an amount of printing to do without consulting us to know how far it will be practicable to comply with their demands: and we wish to have it settled how far they may thus throw business upon us, without previous consultation.—

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Jan. 31st Meeting at the Mission house. After the reading of the minutes the unfinished business was called for.

Mr Tracy reported that he had obtained satisfactory information from Mr. Hewetson Sec of the Land Office in relation to the two points called in question at the last meeting in reference to the tenure of property. The note of

Mr. Hewetson was read to the meeting and ordered to be put in the archives of the mission. Mr Tracy also reported that he had written a letter to the Rooms on the subject of the purchase. Voted that the report of the committee be accepted and the committee discharged.

The scribe reported that he had written to Mr. Bridgman as directed at the last meeting.

The Librarian reported that only one of the lists of books for the library had been handed in at the time specified; but he was prepared to read a list of some extent for approval: when it was voted that this business be deferred till the next meeting.

The resolution relating to Chinese schools was then taken up and discussed; and the mission not being yet satisfied as to the best course to be pursued the subject was again laid over till the next meeting.

Voted that the Librarian be requested to have a drawer or some other permanent & convenient fixture made in connexion with the library for the deposit of notes, letters, documents and all papers relating to the business transactions of the mission which it may be desirable to preserve.

Resolved that Leang Afä be allowed to occupy a room on the hill if it can be done without creating disturbance among the servants there. Note. This was partly to allow him to be with his son Attih and partly to remove him from among the Chinese printers whose ill-will he has been so unfortunate as to gain.

Resolved that Brs Tracy & North furnish the Librarian with copies of all the books & tracts in their respective departments with the title in English to be placed in the Library.

Resolved that the Librarian have the letter to the rooms on the subject of the purchase of Ryan's hill copied, with a view to ascertaining the propriety of employing a copyist permanently.

Mr Robbins reported that he had prepared and sent a petition to the Dutch Govt for permission to reside & travel in Borneo. Voted that this report be accepted and the committee discharged. Meeting adjourned

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Feb. 7th Meeting on the hill. The Librarian reported that he had engaged a man to make the proposed fixtures for papers in the Library. He further reported that he had engaged a copyist for one month at 20 Sp dollars. The resolution in relation to Chinese schools was again introduced and the motion being on the adoption it was voted to amend the resolution by substituting the words "to be approved by the mission" instead of "as they may deem expedient." The motion was then put and carried unanimously.

The Librarian reported a list of books desirable to be purchased for the library from which a selection of 81 works was made and the farther consideration of the business deferred till the next meeting.

The following resolution was introduced viz: that it is desirable to send a printer & some ink & paper to Siam by the vessel about to sail. The subject was committed to Brs North & Tracy with full powers to act as they may think best.

Voted that the Chinese schools at Campong Glam be discontinued if a school be opened at the mission house on the hill.

Voted that Brs Hope & Tracy, be authorised to open a school for Hokkien Chinese boys in Singapore at a monthly expense of not more than half a dollar a schollar.

Voted that the boy sent here from Malacca yesterday be committed to the care of Brs. Robbins & Travelli.

Voted that Br North be requested to ascertain as soon as possible the opinion of Mr Napier respecting the right of the Am. Board to hold real estate in Singapore

Feb. 14th. 1837. Opened with prayer as usual. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Travelli reported that the boy from Malacca was committed to Mr Robbins to be brought up and educated in his family.

The catalogue of books to be added to the library was brought before the meeting when it was resolved that Brs Hope & Travelli be a committee with instructions to purchase such as may be found in any of the Markets in this part of the world and forward a list of the rest to the Rooms with a request that they may be procured and sent to us as soon as possible.

A letter being read from Mr Balestier thanking the "Board of Commissioners" for making arrangements for sick sailors, it was resolved that Mr Travelli be a committee to transmit a copy of the said letter to the Rooms with a brief history of the whole matter.

Some natives having requested the rite of marriage: and a question having arisen as the legality of dissenting ministers ~~marrying~~ performing this rite the mission resolved that in our opinion it is proper for the ordained ministers of this mission to unite in marriage such of the natives as may desire it; provided the parties be competent to enter into such union. Voted that Mr Travelli be requested to inquire into the laws relating to marriage by dissenting ministers; and particularly such as are not subjects of Great Britain.

Resolved that Brs Hope and Travelli be appointed to write to the Prudential Committee giving them full information of what has been done in relation to the seminary they have instructed us to commence: and also our views in full of the difficulties and prospects of the institution.

Resolved that Brs North and Travelli be a committee to prepare a letter to Mr Travelyan of Calcutta respecting the introduction of the Roman alphabet among the various nations & tribes of people inhabiting the Archipelago

Resolved that Mr North be requested to mark the furniture belonging to the Mission.

Resolved that Mr North be requested to inform Mr Balestier that the mission will cheerfully forward to the Missionary Rooms any communications he may have to make in reference to the transmission of the funds of the mission.

Feb. 17th. A special meeting of the mission was called by Dr Tracy to advise in relation to certain questions connected with his location when it was

Resolved that this mission having considered the instructions given to Dr S. Tracy by Rev. R. Anderson DD. believe it to be a matter definitely settled by the Committee that he is not to make this his place of permanent residence.

Resolved that the mission do consent to & advise Dr Tracy's remaining here until such time as he shall receive further instructions from the Rooms; or some other cause shall appear demanding a reconsideration of the subject.

Resolved that in our opinion Siam presents more favourable prospects for the future labours of Dr Tracy than any other field with which we are now acquainted

Resolved that the resolutions passed this evening be communicated to the Rooms with the letter of Dr Tracy.

The resolution of Jan 10th appointing Mr I. Tracy & Dr Tracy a committee to write to the rooms respecting the permanent location of Dr. Tracy was reconsidered and repealed with the understanding that Dr Tracy present the subject at length on his own responsibility.

Feb. 21. Meeting on the hill.

Mr Travelli reported that he had written to the Rooms on the subject of Mr Balestier's letter.

Resolved that Brs Robinson, Tracy and Travelli be committee to examine the letters which have been received by ~~him~~ (Mr I Tracy) since his arrival here; and place such as they may think expedient in the Case of the Librarian.

Resolved that a power of Attorney or other paper in the necessary form with all necessary information respecting the same be procured & forwarded to America to be signed by Mr Thomsen to enable his Agent here to transfer to our Mission or to the American Board the land we have purchased of him.

Feb. 28. Meeting in the Mission house. Opened with prayer: and the minutes read as usual. Mr. Tracy reported that the power of attorney for Mr Thomsen had been procured in due form.

Voted that the Librarian procure a letter book; and that mission letters to be sent to the Rooms or elsewhere be copied into the same at the discretion of the librarian.

Voted that Brs Tracy and Hope be authorised to erect a carriage house on the hill.

March 3rd A special meeting of the mission was called to take into view the propriety of procuring more ample accommodations. After a full statement of the inconvenience of our present arrangements the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted: viz: Whereas several individuals in the mission are seriously incommoded and their studies interfered with by crowding too many families into one house: and whereas it is desirable to have means of accommodating strangers, and missionaries who may come here to recruit their health;

Res. 1. that it is the opinion of this mission that another house is needed for

for the comfortable accommodation of the two families now resident in the mission house: And that Mr Travelli be advised to procure another.

Resolved 2. that if any individual or individuals now residing on the hill desire a change of residence the mission will advise their procuring more suitable accommodations.

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March 7th Meeting organised as usual.

Resolved: that the Librarian be authorised to present to Mr Moor the duplicate copy of Mr Abeel's Residence in China now belonging to the library.—

Resolved that Brs North, I. Tracy and Travelli be a committee to write to the Rooms on the subjects mentioned in the resolutions of the Prudential Committee communicated by Mr Anderson in a letter of Sep 19th 1835 giving full information on all the points in the same as far as it may not have been communicated.—

Resolved: That the resolution requiring ~~the~~ Dr Tracy to transmit to the Board the Resolutions passed on Feb 17 be reconsidered: and after considerable discussion ~~that~~ it was resolved that the third of those resolutions be forwarded with his letter.

March 11th. A special meeting of the mission was called in relation to procuring an additional house: and after a statement of the efforts made by Mr Travelli it was

Resolved that it is expedient to build a house such as is proposed by Mr Travelli and under his direction, on the West side of the present house on the hill, at the price ~~proposed in the estimate $770.~~ not exceeding $800.

Resolved that Mr Travelli be a committee to write to the Rooms giving them the reasons for adopting the present regulations in reference to buildings.

March 14. Meeting at the mission house. Mr. Robbins the Chairman for the evening being absent Mr I Tracy being next in order took the Chair.

Mr. North from the committee appointed to obtain Mr. Napier's opinion respecting the right of the Am. Board to hold property in Singapore reported that in Mr Napier had given a decided opinion that the Board were competent to be a party in any legal instrument. His opinion at length was placed in the archives.

Mr North from the Committee on binding Malay boys reported a form of indenture for the consideration of the mission. It having appeared that the paper had not been brought before the committee and also that it involved some vital principles as precedents in the school; - it was resolved that Br Hope be added to the Committee, and the whole subject be recommitted.

March 21st Meeting on the hill. Mr. Robbins in the chair. Mr. Travelli from the Committee on additions to the library reported that a list of books with remarks had been forwarded to the Rooms through Captain Silva.

Mr North from the Committee on binding Malay boys reported a form of indenture for the two boys Pantei & Baker which after some discussion was referred till the next meeting.

March 27th A special meeting of the mission was called to take into consideration some business proposed in a letter from Mr Arms when it was resolved that Bro. Arms be informed in answer to his request in reference to the introduction of the Roman Character into Malay that in our opinion it is advisable to introduce it, and that for the present we recommend substantially Pickering's system of orthography.

It was further resolved: that Mr. Robbins be authorised to draw upon the Treasurer of this mission for such sums of money as he may find it necessary to expend, till he receives directions on the subject from the Rooms.

March 28th Mr. Robinson being absent Dr. Tracy took the chair.

Mr. Travelli from the committee on additions to the Library reported that a list of books had been forwarded to Mr Bridgman at Canton with a request to purchase such as may be found in that Market.

The secretary was directed to communicate to Mr Arms the action of this Mission on his requests.

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A letter having been read from the Canton Mission stating that they had funds from the Bible & Tract Societies which they are required to expend and recommending the printing of a pocket edition of the New Testament: it was Resolved That the recommendation to prepare blocks for a new Edition of the New Testament in Chinese, just received from the Mission in

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Resolved that the committee be instructed to inform the Mission at Batavia that there are no Malay books on hand for distribution; and give them such hints and information in regard to the contemplated tour as they may judge expedient.

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April 4th Meeting on the hill. Mr. Robinson in the Chair. Mr Tracy reported that he had written to Canton for money: and further that the books ordered by the mission had been sent to Batavia with a letter.

Voted that Bros. Hope and I Tracy be a committee to take charge of the land connected with the house on the hill; to direct the cultivation of the fruit and spice trees, and to take care of the produce of the same; and that they be authorised to employ a gardiner in case they deem it necessary.

The following preamble and resolution were brought before the mission by Mr Tracy. viz: Whereas a teacher of English is now needed in our Chinese school for 3 hours daily and in the Malay school for — hours; and whereas it is expected that the demand for English instruction will increase. therefore,

Resolved that we think it expedient that a teacher be sent to this mission from America who shall make it his first business to instruct in the English language & that — be appointed a committee to write to the rooms on the subject.
The members having expressed their opinion at considerable length and not being prepared for decided action the subject was postponed till another meeting.

A letter from the Canton mission in reply to a letter written by the Secretary at the request of this mission was laid before the meeting proposing certain rules for their consideration when it was, Resolved, that the Canton mission be informed by the Secretary that this mission cordially agree to the rules proposed in their late communication in reference to the cooperation of the two missions.

April 7th A special meeting of the mission was called by Brs North and Travelli: when, after a full statement of the present condition and prospects of the Malay School;- and an expression of opinion by the members of the mission, ~~it was~~ ~~Resolved,~~ the following preamble and resolution were adopted viz: Whereas it has been ascertained by experience that a Malay School can not be sustained in such a manner as to warrant its expense, unless some member of the Mission be prepared to devote to the school a considerable part of his time, And no member of the mission is yet prepared to assume the responsibility of the School; & Whereas: there are in the Malay language no books suitable to advance further, the present classes, and we see no reason to fear that the prospects of the mission would be injured, or the progress of its projected Seminary retarded, by suspending the Malay School for a time, therefore

Resolved, That the Malay School be suspended.

April 11th Mission assembled. Mr. Travelli in the Chair.

Mr. North reported that he had marked the mission furniture so far as ascertained.

The ~~Malay~~ indenture proposed for binding Malay Boys was brought before the mission and on motion was adopted by the mission.

The Secretary reported that he had written to the Canton mission as directed at the last meeting.

The Resolution in relation to an English Teacher was called up and postponed without discussion to another meeting.

Resolved that Mr North be authorised to make such corrections & alterations in the Malay book of Le Bruin now in press as he may find necessary.

Resolved that Mr North be authorised to make the type requested by Mr. Williams for the tonic dictionary now in preparation at Canton.

Resolved: that all letters and accounts sent from this mission to the Bible & Tracts Societies or any other Benevolent Societies in America be first sent to the Missionary Rooms unsealed.

Resolved that in our opinion it is desirable that Mr. Williams be permanently located at Singapore, and that he be invited to visit this Mission before determining whether he be located here or at Canton.

Resolved that Mr. I. Tracy be authorised to bind Ang tiaou a Chinese boy to the service of the mission as an apprentice & workman at the business of block cutting for the term of four years according to the form of indenture which he has drawn up for the purpose.

Resolved: that Brs North & Tracy be a committee to write to Mr. Williams on the subject of the resolution adopted above in relation to his removal.

Resolved: that the auditors of this mission be requested to examine and settle the mission accounts for 1836 before they are forwarded to America & also if they find it desirable the accounts of any previous year.

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April 18th.

Meeting at the mission house:- Mr. North in the chair.

The auditors reported that they were engaged in examining the accounts for previous years: and in relation to the following items introduced by them it was,

Resolved that in the accounts of the late Treasurer all Postage & Stationary be charged as mission expenses, & curiosities sent to America as private expenses; and that such be the understanding in regard to these items hereafter.

Resolved, that Brs Hope & Tracy be a committee to write to Calcutta to obtain information in relation to

Mr Duff's school.

April 25th Meeting on the hill: Mr Robinson in the chair.

Resolved that Mr North & J. Tracy be a committee to settle the amount to be charged to the Baptist Mission in Siam for the use of the press & types in the year 1835.

Resolved: that Brs Robinson & North be a committee to attend without delay to obtaining the return of the type & matrices belonging to this mission now at Malacca.

Resolved that all the accounts of this mission & its several members be made out semi-annually and submitted to the ~~members~~ auditors on the 1st day of January & July of each year.

The subject of mission furniture was brought before the meeting and after some discussion was, on motion, postponed till the next meeting.

Resolved: that Mr & Mrs North be authorised to receive into their family a Malay girl at the expense of the mission with a view to securing her by written agreement; provided that the expenses of said girl do not exceed ten dollars before the end of the present year.

Resolved: that Brs North & Tracy be a committee with discretionary power to provide suitable accommodations for Afat.

May 2^{d} Meeting at the Mission House: Mr Tracy in the chair.

The Committee to write to Mr Williams reported that they had a letter prepared and ready for the inspection of the members.

The subject of Mission furniture was called up and the following resolution adopted; viz:

Resolved, That Messrs Travelli & S. Tracy be a committee to take charge, or dispose, of the mission furniture till the end of the year; & that they be required to keep an inventory of the same.

Resolved: that Br. Tracy be requested to write to Canton earnestly requesting them to send a Man to Singapore for the purpose of teaching a class of block cutters.

May 9th Meeting on the hill: Dr Tracy in the chair.

The Committee appointed to settle the account with the Baptist Mission in Siam, reported that in their opinion $50 would be a fair charge for the use of the types & press in 1835

Resolved: that Mr Robinson be requested to settle the account finally when he returns to Siam.

The committee appointed to procure the return of our type from Malacca, reported, that they had written to Malacca for the purpose.

Resolved: that all business letters written by direction of this mission be copied into the letter=book.

Resolved: that Brs. North and Robinson be a committee to take into consideration the propriety of altering the mission house, with a view to the comfort of the occupants.

A letter having been received from Rev. H. Malcom requesting a supply of Chinese books for various places in Burmah it was *resolved*, that Mr Malcom be informed that as soon as a supply ~~fo~~ shall have been furnished for the Himmaleh we will proceed to comply with his request.

Resolved: that Mr Tracy be requested to write for about 100 copies of the Tamil & English S.S. and such tracts as the Mission in Ceylon ~~are~~ may think fit to send us.

Resolved: that Mr Tracy be requested to have the Chinese books which are due to Mr Gutzlaff included in those which are to be taken in the Himmaleh; and that they be arranged in boxes with others in accordance with the directions given by Mr Gutzlaff.

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May 15th Meeting at the Mission House:
Mr Travelli in the chair.

A letter having been received from the Brn in Batavia in relation to the printing of two editions of the New Testament in Malay — one in Arabic and the other in Roman Character — it was resolved that Bros North Travelli & Hope be a committee to write to the Missionaries at Batavia respecting the proposed new editions of New Testament.

Resolved that Dr Tracy be a committee to write to Canton inquiring in relation to the disposition of the effects of the late Rev. E. Stevens. —

Resolved: that the Chinese who have heretofore partaken of the Lord's Supper with us, except A Chang, be invited to attend at our next communion season.

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May 23rd Meeting on the hill:- Mr North in the chair.

The committee appointed to write to the Rooms in relation to the Seminary reported that they had written fully in relation to most of the topics: and expect to finish their duties on the return of Mr Dickinson.

The committee appointed to write to Ceylon for Tamul & English Books reported that they had discharged their duty.

Dr. Tracy reported that he had written in relation to the effects of Mr Stevens.

Resolved that Bro North & Travelli be a committee to select a Malay Tract and superintend the printing of 2000 Copies as soon as practicable.

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May 30th 1837 Meeting at the Mission House
Mr I. Tracy in the Chair

The committee appointed at the last meeting ~~appointed~~ reported that they had selected the tract entitled Abdullah and Sabat and that the printing of it had commenced.

Resolved, that Dr Tracy be a committee to inquire into the mode of letting pews in the new church, and the propriety of renting one or more for the use of the mission.

Resolved: that Mr Tracy & Mr Travelli be a committee to attend the annual meeting of the Singapore School and report to the mission on the principles of the school, and the propriety of continuing to support it.

June 6th 1837. Meeting on the hill: Mr Travelli in the chair.

The committee appointed to write to Calcutta to obtain information in relation to Mr Duff's School, reported that they had discharged that duty.

Dr Tracy reported that the pews in the new church which is expected to be opened on the next Sabbath, will be rented monthly at 1 dollar per month.

The Committee to attend the annual Meeting of the Singapore School made a report in relation to the present state of the School, and especially as to the amount of religious education and influence.

Resolved: that a meeting, the object of which shall be the promotion of our own piety & the feelings towards each other and our fellow sinners, be held weekly: and that for the present it be held on Thursday at 5 Oclk alternately at the mission houses, and be conducted by the Bro: who presided at the business meeting of the preceding Tuesday.

Resolved: that if Leang Afā will agree to remain here not less than two years & preach regularly in town on the Sabbath, we will endeavour to furnish him with a suitable place for religious worship & persuade Chinese to attend and listen to his instruction.

Resolved: that a copy of the regulations now existing between this Mission and the Mission at Canton be transmitted to the mission of the A. B. C. F. M. at Batavia with the proposition that an arrangement of a similar character be entered into between them and us.

Resolved: that Brs. Robinson and Travelli be a committee to examine into the said regulations with the view of proposing some plan for a similar arrangement in reference to the Missions of the Board in Siam and Borneo.

Resolved: that Mr North have permission to bind to himself the Portuguese lad John for the term of four years at the price of five dollars for the first year, six for the second, seven for the third and eight for the fourth, by an indenture similar to the one formerly proposed for Malay boys.

June 11th 1837.

A special meeting of the mission was called: and after a statement of the object of the meeting by the Chairman it was resolved; that this Mission open an account with Mr Richardson Bookseller in London under the recommendation of Mr Lock.

Voted the Librarian be authorised to order such books as the mission or any member may desire, for their respective libraries.

June 12th 1837

Meeting at the Mission House: Mr Robinson in the chair.

Mr Tracy reported that Afà consents to remain and preach in Singapore according to the spirit of the resolution passed at the last meeting.

The Secretary reported that the regulations between this mission and that at Canton had been sent to Batavia, with a proposition to enter into a similar arrangement. with them.

Resolved: that Mr North & Dr Hope be a committee to write to Mr Napier & obtain further information on the subject of the tenure of land in Singapore and request a bill of his services.

Resolved: that the Librarian take charge of all books now in the Library marked with the name of Miss Wallace or otherwise as belonging to the library and number and register them accordingly.

Resolved: that Brs. J & S Tracy be a committee to send the Chinese books now ~~in the~~ ready ~~be sent~~ to China by the first opportunity in case they deem it best under the circumstances.

Resolved: that Messrs North & Travelli be a committee to take charge of the American boy now on the premises, with reference to securing his services to the mission for several years.

Resolved: that Messrs Travelli & North be a committee to print 1000 copies of John's Gospel in Malay, Robinson's translation, either in the Arabic or Roman character, if they shall think it desirable.

June 19th A special meeting of the mission was called by Mr North to consider the propriety of binding the Malay boy Sei-dine as an apprentice in the art of printing. A form of indenture was presented to the meeting; when it was on Motion Resolved

That Mr North be authorised to bind the said boy for six years on the terms specified in the indenture.

June 20th

Meeting on the hill: Dr Tracy in the chair.

The committee appointed to write to Mr Napier reported that they had done so.

The committee appointed to send books to Canton reported that on making inquiry as to the expense they concluded that it was not best to send them. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The committee appointed to print the Gospel of John reported that they had commenced it in the Arabic character.

The committee to whom was referred the ~~request~~ letter of the Brn: in Batavia in relation to two ~~new~~ Editions of the New Testament reported that they had prepared a letter giving all the necessary information and expressing a willingness to undertake the proposed editions.

The Librarian reported that he had written with a view of opening an account with Mr Richardson Bookseller in London.

Resolved: that Dr Tracy be a committee to write to Mr Evans for settlement of his a/c for pencils $24.45 Nov. 26 1835.

Resolved: that the Librarian be requested to write forthwith to the Editors of the Friend of India Enquiring whether they have received the bill for 100 rupees sent in January last: and if so, why the books *have not been sent*.

June 27th 1837

Meeting at the mission house: Mr North in the chair.

The Committee appointed to write to Mr Napier reported that they had received a note in reply to their last which was read to the mission and then placed in the Archives.

Voted that the committee be authorized to present the thanks of the mission to Mr Napier for his gratuitous services.

Resolved: that Mr North be authorized to send to America for a set of small pica matrices, a small font of type from them & two type moulds corresponding.

Resolved: that Messrs ~~Tracy~~ North, Dickinson and Tracy be a committee to alter the partitions in the second story of the printing house, as they shall think proper, and also to select and prepare a suitable place for storing the Chinese blocks.

Resolved: That Messrs Travelli, Dickinson & North be a committee to bind the American boy now in the Mission if they shall think proper.

Resolved that Bro: Tracy be authorized to send the Chinese books now on hand to Canton by the Himmaleh.

July 4th 1837 Meeting at the Mission House Mr Ira Tracy in the Chair.

The Librarian reported that he had written to the Editors of Friend of India as directed at a late meeting.

Mr North reported that he had written

to America for the matrices type &c as directed.

The committee to bind the American boy Samuel Dewey reported that they had performed their duty.

Mr Tracy reported that he had made arrangements for sending the Chinese books by the Himmaleh.

Resolved: that Mr Tracy be authorized to send to China for 200 piculs of paper for Chinese books, and 26 dollars worth of tools.

Resolved: that the Chinese printers be informed that we can give them no more work except on the condition they wait for pay till we receive funds.

Resolved: that the Treasurer be directed not to pay any money without the consent of the mission, until further funds be obtained.

Resolved: that Brs Tracy Dickinson and Travelli be a committee to borrow money sufficient for the present month, and mortgage the mission premises if they find it necessary. -

July 11th 1837

Meeting at the Mission House; Mr Robinson in the Chair.

Dr Tracy reported that he had written a letter to Mr Evans respecting the bill of pencils. The committee appointed to obtain the return of type from Malacca made a report when it was Resolved that Mr Dyer be permitted to retain the Javanese type in his possession until called for. And further: that Mr North be authorized to inform Mr Evans that we will accept his terms for the Malay type now in his possession.

Mr Tracy reported that he had sent to China for paper and tools as directed.

The case of Achang was called up and after some discussion was postponed till another meeting.

Resolved: that Mr North be authorized to cast a fount of Siamese type for the Siam mission provided it be not larger than can be cast in a year. The resolution in relation to an English teacher recorded under date of April 4th was called up, and after considerable discussion was postponed till another meeting. -

July 14th

A special meeting of the mission was called in reference to the finances of the mission; and after a statement that bills had been received from Canton it was

Resolved, that the treasurer be required to furnish at the third stated meeting in each month a summary statement showing the state of the treasury. —

Resolved, that no bills be disposed of without a vote of the mission.

Resolved: that Brs North and Travelli be a committee to write to Mr Hill on the subject of funds for this mission and especially in reference to drawing bills on him when necessary.

Resolved: that the Treasurer be authorized to sell a bill for £300 forthwith.

July 18th 1837. Mission at the hill: Dr Tracy in the Chair.

The treasurer reported that he had sold the Bill No. 314 £300 at the rate of 4s/6d

The subject of the English Teacher was called up and the question being on the original motion, it was lost.

The case of Achang was called up and after deliberation it was resolved: "That in view of all the circumstances of Achang's case, and especially that he seems to have erred ignorantly in marrying a second wife, while a former one was still living in China we do not think the spirit of the New Testament requires him to put her away.

A motion was introduced in relation to the sale of our bills and after discussion was substituted by the following which was adopted: viz: Resolved that Brs. Tracy & Travelli be a committee to inquire into the subject & report to the mission.

Resolved that Leang Afa be requested to remove into the Town & preach regularly on the Sabbath & perform such other labors as he may be able for the benefit of the Chinese.

Resolved: that Brs Dickinson & I Tracy be a committee to select a house in town for his use: & further: that the committee be requested to ascertain what relation he ~~now~~ sustains to the American Board & to this mission.

July 21st A special meeting of the mission was called by the committee on the sale of bills appointed at the last meeting;-and after some statements from the committee and other members, the mission,

Resolved: that Mr. North and Mr. Dickinson be a committee to write to Mr Balestier in reference to disposing of our bills ourselves.

Voted, that the former committee be discharged.

July 25th 1837. Meeting at the Mission House
Mr. Travelli in the chair.

The committee appointed in relation to Afat reported that they had provided a house for him in Singapore and had written to China and to Malacca in order to ascertain his relations:– the letters not yet sent.

A note having been laid before the mission from Mr McMicking inquiring for bills & offering 4s 6d pr. $ when it was

Resolved: that the Treasurer be authorized to dispose of a bill for 500 £ to Mr McMicking.

The committee appointed to write to Mr Balestier about the sale of our bills reported the form of note which they were ordered to send. The committee were ordered, further, to inform Mr Balestier of having sold the bill above mentioned and request his advice in relation to the remainder of our bills.

Resolved: that a religious service in

English, for the spiritual benefit of the members of the mission and those of our dependents and workmen who understand English be commenced on — day, at — hour and at — place.

This Resolution after a brief discussion was deferred till the next meeting.

Resolved that Brs. Travelli, North & Dickinson be a committee to write to Dr Anderson in relation to the Indian Archipelago as a feild of missionary labor.

August 1st. 1837

Meeting at the mission house: Mr. Dickinson in the chair. Opened with prayer, as usual, and the minutes read.

The committee appointed to write to Mr Evans in reference to a bill for pencils reported that Mr Evans expresses his conviction that the bill has been paid. The committee was requested to inform Mr E— that though we have no record nor distinct recollection of it we are disposed to consider the bill as settled.

The committee appointed to select and print a tract in Malay reported that they had printed 2000 copies of the tract Abdullah and Sabat. The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.–

The subject of a religious service in English was called up and after discussion the blanks were filled as follows viz: by inserting "Sabbath" in the first – "5 OClk" in the second and "at the Mission House" in the third. The resolution presented at the last meeting thus amended was committed to Brs: Dickinson & Hope to report some plan for carrying it into execution, previous to the ultimate vote.

The following resolution was offered by Mr Tracy

Resolved: that a copy of the letter addressed to Br Williams requesting him to visit Singapore be sent to the Rooms with a request that a printer for the Chinese department be sent out as soon as practicable.–with such remarks as the case demands.

This resolution was discussed and on motion postponed till another meeting.

Resolved: that it is inexpedient to send paper for Chinese printing to the Baptist mission in Siam: inasmuch as we have not enough for our own use.

The following resolution was offered & after consideration was postponed till another meeting: viz: Resolved that the Chinese School be continued under the superintendance of Brs Hope & Tracy till the expiration of the first six months from its commencement after which it shall be under the care of Brs Hope and Travelli

Resolved: that inasmuch as we have no positive & conclusive proof of Achang's having sinned wilfully in marrying here or in any of the circumstances of his having done so, we admit him again to our communion.

Resolved: that the Librarian be authorized to subscribe for the list of departures and arrivals of vessels issued by the Post-Master & also inform the P. M. to ~~inform~~ charge all letters &c. to any member to the account of the mission.

Resolved: that the Librarian be authorized to purchase for the Library viz:
Malcom on Administration of India
Leyden's Africa, De Lolme on Constitution of England, & the American Quarterly.

August 8th 1837. Meeting at the Mission House. Mr North in the chair.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution in reference to a religious service in English reported a plan for conducting the service which report was accepted and and the motion was unanimously adopted.

The resolution in relation to Br. Williams and a Chinese printer was called up and after some further discussion was negatived.

Res: that Messrs I Tracy & Dickinson be a committee to write to the Rooms in reference to the subject of the previous resolution.

The Resolution in relation to Chinese Schools was called up and postponed to the next meeting.-

Resolved that Brs Robinson & Hope be a committee to write to the Rooms in reference to the Encyclopedias in the Mission Library.

Resolved that Brs Dickinson & Hope be a committee to address a note to Mr Squires in relation to his connexion with Attuck.

Resolved: that Mr Dickinson be authorized to hire Lim Sin se as his teacher at 10 dollars per month & a room to live in for the present.

A motion in relation to the employment and instruction of Atuck was committed to the committee appointed to address Mr Squire.

Resolved: that Hag-tiau be under the direction of the school committee.

Resolved that Mr Tracy be authorized to send ten or twelve dollars worth of Cover paper to the Baptist mission in Siam.–

Applications having been laid before the meeting from several parents desirous of placing their children under our care; the subject was discussed at some length and then referred to a committee consisting of Brs Travelli & Dickinson together with the school committee to report as soon as possible.

August 15th 1837.

Meeting on the Hill: Mr Robinson in the chair.

The committee appointed to write to the rooms in reference to a Chinese printer reported that in their opinion it was not advisable to write on the subject. This report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed to write to the Rooms in relation to the Encyclopedias in the Mission library reported that they thought it unnecessary to do so. This report was also accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The resolution in relation to the Chinese school under date of Aug. 1st was called up & after a protracted discussion was adopted.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of the applications for admission to our school from several persons descendants of Europeans report the following which was unanimously adopted viz:– That inasmuch as our great object is to benefit the native population & these individuals being now in a class above the natives & looking forward to a still more elevated rank in Society & regarding the natives with much contempt would probably operate as a hindrance to our future operations for the natives, while at the same time they will be more expensive & more troublesome to manage – inasmuch as the Male department of the Seminary is for the present the most important branch of our Seminary & still somewhat of an experiment & that in case this should succeed it would be much easier to obtain native girls some 6 or 12 months hence than at present, & inasmuch as it is not desirable to raise up a class of educated native females before there is a corresponding class of males & inasmuch as the children in question will probably be provided for even in case we should not take them; therefore Resolved that the whole subject of a female school be postponed until the close of the present year or until we shall hear from the Rooms in reference to the Seminary.

Resolved that Mr Tracy be authorized to send Chinese books to Mr Rutger of Rhio to the value of $100 & at the same time to offer to Mr Rutger money to defray any expenses that may attend the distribution of them.

Resolved: that Mr Tracy be authorized to send Chinese books to the value of $200 to the care of the Am: Baptist Missionaries in Burmah.

Resolved: that the Library be removed to the large room of the large house on the hill.

Voted: that Brs Travelli & Hope be authorized to furnish the large room of the large house on the hill for public meetings.

Voted that all meetings from this time forth be on the hill - the business meetings at Mr: Travelli's and all others at the large house.

Voted that the ladies of the mission be invited to attend the Tuesday evening business meeting.

Voted that the medicines belonging to the mission, and other things belonging to the dispensary be put in order, and kept in order, by Dr Hope.

August 22nd 1837

Meeting at Mr Travelli's: Mr I. Tracy in the chair.

The committee to whom the case of Angtiau was committed report that he was bound to the mission for the term of four years at the rate of 4 dollars a month for three years and 6 dollars a month for the fourth year.

Mr Tracy reported that he had made arrangements for sending Chinese ~~Chinese~~ books to Mr Rutger and the Baptist Mission in Burmah as directed at the last meeting.

Voted that Mr Dickinson & Mr I P Tracy be a Committee to see Atuck & his Father and endeavour to make some arrangement by which Atuck may be taken out of the hands of Mr Squire & take him under the instruction & employment of this mission: and further that the committee be authorized to correspond with Mr Bridgman.

The committee appointed to correspond with Mr Squire in reference to the subject of the previous resolution reported that they had discharged this duty and on motion were discharged.

Resolved: that Mr Dickinson have permission to occupy the rooms next to the school room.-

In view of the present depression of business in Europe & America & the consequent derangement of funds, Resolved that this Mission will not purchase any thing which is not absolutely needed for present use.-

Resolved: that Mr North be authorized to make the type requested by Mr Young of Batavia.

The subject of the accommodations & mode of living suitable for Missionaries came before the Mission and elicited a full and interesting discussion And on motion Messrs Dickinson Hope & North were appointed a committee to embody the present views of the Mission in a document to be kept for future use.

Resolved: that Messers North & Hope be a committee to take into view the propriety of changing the location of the Seaman's Hospital

Aug 24th 1837. A special meeting of the mission: Mr I Tracy in the Chair. After a statement of the object of the meeting and remarks from the members, the following resolution was adopted: viz:

Resolved that Messrs Dickinson & S. & I Tracy be a committee to write immediately to the ~~Rooms~~ Prudential Committee giving them information concerning the comparative importance of Siam as a field for missions to the Chinese.

The following resolution was then offered and after discussion was postponed till the next meeting viz: Resolved, that it is the opinion of this mission that Bro Dickinson should make his intended tour to Siam immediately.

August 29th 1837 Mission assembled: Dr Tracy in the chair.

The committee appointed to draft regulations for the mutual intercourse of this mission with those of Siam & Borneo reported a series of rules: and on motion the report was accepted and the mission agreed to adopt and act upon the regulations as soon as they may be adopted by the other missions. *

On motion, the committee appointed at a former meeting to alter the 2d story of the printing House. were discharged

* Resolved, that the committee be requested to forward the regulations reported this day to the missions at Siam & Sambas by the first opportunity with such remarks as they may deem appropriate.–

The resolution in relation to Mr Dickinson's tour to Siam was called up and after further discussion was postponed till next meeting.

Resolved: that the regulations for conducting the religious services on the Sab: be left to be determined by the committee for furnishing the room.–

Sep 1st 1837. A special meeting of the mission was called at the instance of Mr Arms recently arrived from Sambas:- Dr Tracy in the Chair. After the meeting was organized with prayer Mr Arms laid his business before the meeting by reading a paper commenting on the decision of the meeting constituted by the Prudential Committee to decide on the location of Mr Robbins; and also on the present state and prospects of the Borneo Mission and proposing if this mission think best to visit & explore among the Battah tribes on the East Coast of Sumatra. Afterwards the subject passed round and the members expressed their opinions to some extent when the mission adjourned leaving the business till another meeting.

Sep: 5. 1837. Mission opened with prayer: Mr Travelli in the Chair.

Mr North reported that he had made the type requested by Mr Young of Batavia.

The resolution in relation to Mr: Dickinson's tour to Siam was on motion postponed till another Meeting.

The subject of the special meeting of Sep 1st was called up and after explanation on the part of Mr Arms that he did not wish to bring his business before us as a mission the Secretary was authorized to make a minute of this explanation;—and the whole subject be considered as withdrawn from the consideration of the mission.

Resolved: that Brs I Tracy, Hope & Dickinson be appointed a committee to write to the Canton mission respecting the system of orthography to be used in writing Chinese.

Resolved: that 3 Copies of Medhurst's Chinese Dictionary be sent to the Siam mission & that 5 Copies more be requested from Canton.

Resolved: that 500 copies of the Chinese temperance tract prepared by Leang Afat & others be printed at the expense of this mission & presented to the Temperance Society.

Resolved: that the Librarian be requested to keep the important papers of the mission entrusted to his care under lock & key.

Resolved that a duplicate of the letter to Mr Anderson respecting the purchase of the hill we now occupy be sent to the Rooms by the first opportunity: and that Mr Tracy & Mr Travelli be authorized to add such remarks as they may think proper.

The following resolutions were offered & on motion postponed till another Meeting viz:

1. Resolved: that a donation of $50.00 ~~be~~ from the funds of the American Tract Society be made to Rev. Mr Rützer of Rhio to defray expenses attending the distribution of tracts sent to him by this mission.

2. Resolved: that Mr Tracy send the letter of Mr Rütger addressed to the Tract & Bible Societies to the care of Mr Anderson with a letter relating to ~~the~~ our grants of books & money to Mr Rütger.

Mission adjourned. —

Sep 12th 1837 Mission assembled:- Mr Dickinson in the chair.

Resolved: that Mr I. Tracy be requested to order from Canton the copies of Medhurst's Dictionary authorized at the last meeting.

The business of Mr Rötger was called up and the first resolution was amended by substituting 25 for 50 dollars and both resolutions were passed by the mission.

Resolved: that this Mission comply with the request of Bro. Robinson to make a new font of Siamese type.-

Resolved: that Brs Dickinson & I Tracy be a standing Committee of reference for all the propositions and other business of Leang Afa & Atack.

The case of a Hindoo Servant, - belonging to the family of Major Alexander now in Malacca, - who has applied to us for baptism, was laid before the mission when it was resolved: that the case be committed to Br. Hope, to baptize him if he think best.

A proposition was laid before the mission to print 1000 Copies of the Gospel by Matthew (Thomsen's translation) a discussion arose in reference to the propriety of printing in the Arabic character and the whole subject was on motion referred to a special meeting on Thursday evening at 7 O Clk.

Resolved: that the service on Sabbath afternoon be held at half past four instead of five O Clk.

Thursday Sep: 14th 1837 Special Meeting: Mr: Dickinson in the chair. The question of printing 1000 Copies of the Gospel by Matthew was taken up, and after considerable discussion it was Resolved: that this proposition be postponed with a view to take up the following resolution. viz: Resolved that Messrs North & Travelli be a committee to select an approved tract in Malay: and that they be authorized to print 3000 Copies.

Resolved: that it be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the Marriages & baptisms performed by members of this mission.—

The subject of the introduction of the Roman character into Malay & Chinese and the system of orthography to be used was called up and after some discussion was post-poned until to-morrow evening at 4 O'clk.—

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Friday 4 O'clk. Mission met: Mr. Dickinson in the chair. A paper was laid before the meeting containing a system of orthography for Malay which after discussion & amendment was adopted as follows viz:—

Malay orthography. Roman character.

Vowels

a as in father nama.

ȧ	as in what	kwat.
e	as ey in they or a in fate,	esok, sewa.
* ĕ	as " met as	pendek̲ (if necessary)
i	" " marine	lihat.
o	" " note	kotor, orang.
u	" " pull & oo in fool,	turut
ŭ	" " but	nugri
ei	as i in pine	Sampei, heiran
au	" ow " cow	pisau, pulaw

Consonants

Consonants as in English, except,

c only in connection with h, as in Church - chaching

g only hard, as in give

k̲ with a horizontal mark underneath, always a half k̲, as in pendek̲

q omitted Qu supplied by kw, as in kwat.

v omitted

y only as a consonant as in you - yatim

ث is represented by th hard as in thick, mithal.

ذ is represented by t̤h soft, as in they, with a mark underneath, between the letters as in t̤hin

خ is represented by kh as in khabar

† ع is represented by its corresponding vowel with a dot underneath as dạwat.

غ is represented by r as in raib (Marsden page 215)
ظ is represented by l as in lahir (Marsden page 202
ڽ is represented by nya, as in Bunyan, ulih-nya
' baris diatas by "ă", "ĭ", & "ĕ," according to its various
sounds as in _pagang_, nigri, pin-churi

* We suppose position will sufficiently point out the short e - without a mark but if this is not enough, ĕ may be used in doubtful cases.

† We prefer to represent this character by simple a rejecting the peculiar sound of which is not necessary in _malay_.

Sep: 19th 1837: Mission assembled: Mr North in the chair.

The committee appointed to write to the Rooms in relation to the funds of the mission were discharged.

The committee appointed to take into view the propriety of changing the location of the Seaman's Hospital were ~~also~~ discharged

The committee appointed to furnish the Hall for public meetings were also discharged.

The committee appointed to forward copies of the documents in relation to the purchase of the Hill reported that they had committed the letters to Rev. Mr. Malcom.

The Committee appointed to write to the Rooms in relation to Siam as a field for Missions to the Chinese, ~~rep~~ at their request were discharged.—

Br. Hope reported that the Hindu servant committed to his discretion had been baptized in the presence of the Mission.

The resolution in relation to Mr Dickinson's visit to Siam was called up, and the motion was put on the original question and carried in the negative.—

The Committee on regulations for the intercourse of this Mission with those of Siam and Borneo reported that a copy had been sent to the respective Missions.—

The following resolutions were adopted as expressive of the views of the Mission: viz: Resolved: 1 that the opinion which seems to prevail in America to a considerable that China is open to missionaries is in our view incorrect.

2. That we know of no places except Canton & Macao where it is at all probable that a missionary would find it possible to reside.

3. That we believe that the ability of the Chinese to read intelligently, especially those out of China, has been overrated & that too high hopes have been built upon the distribution of books among them: and that if we are to curtail any department of our expenditures we think it should be the Chinese printing.

4. That the archipelago is almost as much closed by the present laws & policy of the Dutch & the piracy & treachery of the natives against missionaries as China itself, that we now know of no places besides those already occupied where we should be ready to recommend the establishment of missions

to the Malays, Bugis or any other of the native tribes; and that if our Brn at Sambas are driven from that Station we know of no ~~station~~ place in the Archipelago where they could be located with prospects of usefulness.

The following preamble and resolution were also unanimously adopted: viz: Whereas it is now ascertained that Siam contains more Chinese than are to be found in all the Archipelago together, and whereas the large majority of these are collected at Bankok & its suburbs & whereas all religions are tolerated in Siam therefore Resolved that Siam presents the most inviting field for missionary labor in reference to the Chinese with which we are now acquainted; it being understood that Singapore being under the English Govt. is a better place for a Seminary & for a Central printing establishment.-

Resolved: that a duplicate of the power of attorney prepared for signature by Rev. Mr Thomsen be forwarded to Mr Anderson by the Secretary as soon as practicable.–

Resolved: that Mr Travelli be directed to inform Mr Leicester that we cannot employ him as copyist after the present month.

Resolved: that the treasurer be directed to withdraw our subscription to the Free Schools of Singapore.

Resolved: that Mohammed the Malay Teacher be dismissed.

Resolved: that no more native M.S.S be purchased or copied at the expense of the mission without a special vote.–

Resolved: that the Canton mission be informed that it is doubtful whether we shall be able with the allowance made us for this year to pay Leang Afä's salary, & that they be requested to make arrangements for paying it.

Resolved that Bro. Hope be a committee

to dispose of the copies of Medhurst's Dictionary now on hand.—

Mr Travelli offered his resignation as auditor:- and on motion his resignation was accepted. Resolved that Messrs Dickinson, I Tracy & Hope be a committee to take into consideration the best distribution of the appropriation of funds for the current year;—to report to morrow evening. Resolved: further, that Mr North be added to the committee.—

Adjourned till to morrow after tea.—

Wednesday Sep 20th 1837.

The treasurer presented the following account of the state of the treasury.

Sep. 19. 1837 In the treasury,

In Cash —	$	1.307.20
In Mr McMickings hands		672.22
		1.979.42
Bills £700 if at 4/6		3.111.08
Mr Keasberry's draft —		330.00
	$	5.420.50

This leaf to be cut out:

The Committee appointed to report a plan for the distribution of the funds appropriated to this mission presented the following as an Estimate of expenses for the year beginning Aug. 1st 1837 and ending July 31st 1838 viz:-

For four families including teachers wages - each	$ 750	3000	00
" two single gentlemen " " — each	500	1000	00
Printing type making & binding — — —		300	00
Chinese printing — — — — — — — —		95	00
Ke Sing's wages — — — — — —		144	00
Chinese Boarding School — — — — —		662	00
Rent for large house — —	360.		
" Dr Tracy's house (six months)	120.		
Repairs &c. — — —	40.		
Land tax & assessment —	20.	540	00
Postage — — —	40.		
Freight — — — —	45.		
Cooly hire — — — — —	35.	120	00
Library & private books from London		130	00
Afat's house & incidentals — —		126	00
Incidentals — — —		500	00
Expenses already incurred this year & not provided for in the above estimate viz:			
Copyist's wages — —	40.		
Malay Teacher Mohammed — —	24.		
Malay Copyist & Reader — —	10.		
Wages of two men in printing office.	15.		
Books for the library — —	30.	119	00
Total	$	6736	00

which deducted from $7000.00 the sum allotted by the Committee to this mission leaves $264 yet undisposed of.

The estimates for printing include only that done by the mission itself: Most of the expense being covered by the appropriations of Bible & Tract Societies.-

Resolved: that this Mission change the times of its semi-annual ~~meetings from~~ settlements & reports from the 1st of January & 1st July till 1st Feb. & 1st August.

Adjourned.

The committee appointed to report a plan for the distribution of the funds appropriated to this mission presented a report which was adopted as the estimate of the mission for the year beginning Aug 1st 1837 and ending July 31st 1838.
Resolved: that this mission change the times of its semi annual settlements & reports from 1st January & 1st July till 1st Feb & 1st August.

Sep: 26th 1837. Mission assembled: Mr. Robinson in the chair.
The committee appointed to write to the Canton mission in respect to orthography reported that they had written accordingly.
The committee to select & print a Malay tract reported that they had selected one which was now in the press.
The Secretary reported that he had sent a copy of the power of attorney for Mr Thomsen to the rooms by Mr. Malcom.—

Resolved: that a translation of the Malay & Chinese tracts printed at the expense of this mission be made & forwarded to the Am: Tr. Soc:

On motion, this resolution was postponed till we have time to hear from Canton on the subject.

Sep: 28th 1837. Special meeting: Mr Robinson in the chair. Voted - that Mr North be permitted to discontinue the casting of a fount of Siamese type from the old Matrices.

Resolved: that Mr North be a committee to write to Mr Dyer of Malacca in relation to suspending the making of a new set of Siamese Matrices formerly requested by this mission

October 3rd 1837 Regular meeting: Mr I. Tracy in the chair.

Committee to mark mission furniture reported that he had marked some additional articles, and on motion the report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The committee appointed to write to the Rooms in reference to the Archipelago as a field of Missions, reported that they thought it inexpedient to write and on motion were discharged.

Mr. North reported that he had made & sent to Batavia the type requested by Mr Young of that place.

Mr North reported that he had written to Dr. Oxly requesting him to discontinue our subscription to the Singapore Free Schools. -

Messrs I. Tracy & Hope were appointed a Committee to report a plan for Conducting the meeting on Thursday evening.

Resolved: that the constitution of this mission be so altered as to require a regular meeting every other week, instead of every week. -

A letter was read from Mr Rötger of Rhio giving an account of the way in which he has expended the money of the Tract S. allowed him by this mission.

Voted that this account be accepted as satisfactory for the present, and that Mr Tracy be directed to request him to give a more minute account of future distributions.

Resolved: that the Librarian be authorized to employ a copyist for a sum not exceeding 14 dollars a month.-

Resolved: that the wages of Kesing be charged to the book-making Concern.-

Voted: that the letter of Mr Hallock Sec: A. T. Society be ~~committed~~ referred to Brs: I Tracy & North. — — — — — —

Oct: 17th 1837 Regular meeting: Dr S. Tracy in the chair.

Resolved: that the monthly report of the Treasurer be received at the second instead of the third regular meeting of the month.

Mr North reported that he had written to Mr Dyer in relation to the new Siamese matrices. The committee appointed to report a plan for the conducting the Thursday evening meeting made their report which was adopted and the committee discharged.

The Librarian reported that he had employed I. Leicester as copyist for 13 dollars a month the said I. Leicester to work 20 days each month exclusive of Sundays.

The committee appointed to select from the letters addressed to Mr Tracy such as are public made their report which was accepted & the letters ordered to be bound.

Resolved: that the letter from W. Youngblood be considered as a signification of the accep= of the "*regulations*" on the part of the mission at Batavia.

Resolved: that the expense of the atap sheds erected by Mr Travelli be charged to the mission

Also: that 1 dollar paid to a native writer be charged to the mission.

Resolved: that the several members of the mission at the close of each year hand to the Librarian or Sec: such letters received during the year of a public nature as they may be willing to place among the Mission documents & that the Sec: & Librarian be a standing Committee to determine which of such letters shall be considered mission documents.—

Resolved: that the 12th Article of our Rules shall not be so construed as to allow the privilege of voting, in our mission meetings, to members of other missions, or to those whose instructions do not contemplate their remaining permanently at Singapore.

Resolved: that the above resolution shall not be considered as ex post facto.

Mr North having stated that the Malay tract now in press is nearly completed and having requested advice as to future operations in his department after some discussion it was

Resolved that Messrs North & Travelli be a committee to select & print another tract in Malay.—

Resolved: that the Bugis Man in our employ be engaged to make a translation of the Bugis tracts, formerly printed by this mission, into Malay.

November 1st 1837

Regular Meeting: Mr Travelli in the chair.

Mr Dickinson having reported that some Chinese books ordered from Canton had arrived it was resolved that Mr Dickinson be requested to hand over the books to the school committee; and that the expense be placed to the account of schools in the mission.-

Resolved: that the Chinese printing be curtailed as far as it can be without infringing upon contracts with the workmen, and without increasing the cost of books & thus occasioning a loss to the mission.

Resolved: that Cap. Evans in case he is unable to deliver the two remaining boxes of paper due us from Canton be requested to pay the price of the same. Voted: that the Treasurer be requested to settle the accounts of the mission up till the end of July 1837.—

Resolved that Mr North be authorized to send to Macao for 50 dollars worth of Chinese printing paper.

Adjourned to meet, at the request of Mr Robbins of the Sambas mission, on Thursday Evening at 4 oclock.—

Nov. 3rd 1837. Adjourned meeting: Mr Travelli in the chair.

Mr Robbins presented the business of the meeting by reading a paper giving a statement in full of facts connected with the Sambas mission, and asking advice from this mission. The sentiment expressed by the members in reply was that in their opinion the ground taken by the special meeting held in Jany. last when the question of Messrs

Arms' & Robbins' [illegible] attempting a mission in Borneo was considered & decided, was correct, & there appeared to be no sufficient reasons for abandoning that field without directions to that effect from the Prudential Committee. After considering at some length the whole subject it was voted to postpone it indefinitely.

Nov. 9th 1837 In consequence of letters from the Prudential Committee reducing still farther the annual allowance of funds for this mission; a Special Meeting was called:—
Mr Travelli in the Chair.

Resolved: that Messrs Dickinson & Hope be a committee to dispose of the temperance documents now on hand in such manner & to such extent as they may deem expedient.

Resolved that Messrs Travelli & Dickinson be a committee to communicate to Mr Balestier the views of the Pru. Com. in relation to hospitals for Seamen.

Resolved that the copyist be informed

that we cannot continue to employ him, permanently after the present month.-

Resolved that Messrs I Tracy, Dickinson & Hope be a committee to examine the state of the Chinese printing establishment with a view to reducing its expenses, to report on Tuesday evening.——

Resolved that all printing that is not Chinese be given up for the present.

Resolved that Brs North & Dickinson be a committee on Br North's department with a view to curtailment.

Resolved: that Mr North be authorized to dismiss one of the binders, one of the founders and the Caffree printer.—

Resolved: that Mr Tracy be a committee to write to the Committee by way of Canton giving them information of the state of things in his department.

Resolved that Messrs Tracy, Dickinson, North & Hope be a Committee to revise the

estimates of expenses for this year.
Resolved: that Mr North write to Mr Williams authorizing him to postpone compliance with the order for 50 dollars worth of Macao paper.

Nov. 11th 1837

Special meeting. Mr Travelli in the chair. Brs Youngblood & Doty presented a paper of inquiries requesting the opinion of this mission on distinct points connected with the establishment of missions on Borneo. After a full expression of opinion on each topic separately by the members the paper was on motion committed to Messrs Hope & Tracy to bring in written answers to the several inquiries. Resolved that Messrs Dickinson, North & Youngblood be a committee to make arrangements for providing the Brn from Batavia with house-room.

Nov 14th 1837. Regular meeting. Mr Dickinson in the chair.

Voted that the committee to select & print a tract in Malay be discharged.

Voted that the committee to procure a

translation of the Bugis tract into Malay reported that the tract already existed in Malay; and on motion were discharged.

The committee in relation to the Chinese printing department made a report in relation to the expenses of the year

Mr Tracy reported that he had written to the rooms in relation to his department.–

Resolved that the committee on Mr North's department be authorized to dismiss Samuel and make all necessary arrangements for his passage to America.

The committee to revise the estimate of expenses for the year made a partial report and after some conversation the subject was postponed for the present.

The committee to whom was referred the paper of inquiries from the Batavia Brn reported a series of answers & on motion the report was accepted.

The report was then discussed each item separately and adopted as the views of the mission.

Voted that a copy of the above paper be furnished to the Batavia Brn.

The following preamble & resolution were voted by the mission in relation to the meeting referred to in Mr Anderson's letter viz: Inasmuch as Mr Arms requests a reiteration of our opinion on the subject therefore

Resolved that Mr Arms be informed that we still consider that meeting to all intents & purposes valid.

Resolved that Mr Dyer be informed that we do not wish him to cast a new font of Javanese type for us at present.

Voted that the financial accounts of this mission up to Jan 1837 be forwarded to the Rooms by the first opportunity.

Voted that Achang be informed that

we cannot probably give him work to the amount of more than 60 dollars a month during the remainder of the present financial year.

Resolved that Ati be informed that we shall not give him more than enough to make his wages ~~more than~~ 10 dollars a month till after the block cutters engaged in China have fulfilled their Contract.

Resolved that Dr Tracy be authorized to forward one of the copies of Medhursts Dictionary now in the library to the Rev Mr Nevins at Batavia, with a bill of the same.

Resolved that Mr Tracy be requested to inform Mr Ryan that the Board decline to purchase his property at present.

Voted: that the letter of Mr Anderson be referred to Messrs Hope & Dickinson to answer it.

Nov: 28th 1837 Regular Meeting: Mr North in the chair.—

The Treasurer presented a statement of the treasury for the month which was unsatisfactory when Messrs Hope & North were appointed a committee to draw up a form to be followed by the treasurer.

Mr McMicking having requested further bills it was voted that the treasurer be authorized to sell him one for £200 at the rate proposed.

The Committee appointed to embody the views of the mission as to the mode of living proper for missionaries presented a report wh. was accepted and the adoption postponed till the next meeting.

The Committee to dispose of the Temperance documents reported which was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The committee to write to Mr Balestier in relation to the Seaman's hospital made their report which was accepted and the Committee discharged.—

The committee to propose an estimate of expenses for the current financial year made a report in detail which was accepted, and after discussion was adopted.

Resolved that the Portuguese man John be dismissed from the service of the mission.

Resolved, that the committee on Chinese printing ~~to~~ settle with the four block cutters from Macao & dismiss them, or contract with one of them at a rate not exceeding one dollar for 300 characters, and also to settle with the copyist and dismiss or engage him at a rate of 2000 characters for one dollar.

Resolved that I. Tracy be authorized to have blocks prepared for the Watchmaker & Family or Medhurst's Commentary on the Commandments.

Resolved: that Afa be informed that it is optional with him to continue to preach at ~~to~~ the printing office or not.

Resolved that this mission are not willing to receive boys into our school unless such boys be under the exclusive control of this Mission for a certain number of years, and that for the present we do not wish any addition to our number of boys.

Resolved, that the school committee communicate the above resolution to Mr Bridgman & correspond with him in reference to the case of A Kwang.

Resolved, that the Canton Mission be informed in reply to Dr Parker's letter that we will be happy to receive from them a semiannual letter and will reciprocate the favor as our other duties may allow.

Resolved, that the secretary be requested to communicate to the Rooms the recent alteration in the Constitution in relation to the privilege of voting in our mission meeting, together with the reasons for the same.

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Dec. 5th 1837. Special Meeting. Mr North in the chair. Mr Robbins presented the business of the meeting by reading a paper containing extracts from various letters of Mr Anderson in relation to his location, and proposing the question, in view of these instructions, in view of the fact that he is now separated from Mr Arms, & in view of his preference for Siam whether we see cause why he may not go to Siam.—

After an expression of opinion by the members it was Resolved that the Secretary be requested to embody the views of the mission on the paper presented by Mr Robbins and communicate the same to him. The following was then presented and adopted as a minute of the sentiment held by the mission in relation to Mr Robbins' question, viz: "In view of all the circumstances of the case the mission feel no little perplexity in expressing an opinion. The instructions of Mr Anderson are of such a nature that it is thought doubtful whether the Committee do not expect a reference to them before deciding on his field in case he is not associated with Mr Arms. But if Mr Robbins feel warranted on his *own* responsibility to remove to another field, inasmuch as Siam seems to be regarded by the Committee as more inviting and a more desirable location than any other field now accessible in this part of the world, the mission do not see any special reason why Mr Robbins should not go to Siam provided he has no difficulty on the score of funds. At the same time, however it deserves Mr Robbins consideration whether it would not be better to remain in Singapore till the more prosperous state of the finances of the Board or a more definite expression of their views as to missions in Siam may throw additional light on his course. The mission would distinctly avow that in this and all such cases they assume no farther responsibility than to express an opinion on questions presented for their action without claiming the least authority for those opinions.

Dec. 10th 1837. Regular Meeting: Mr Tracy in the chair.

The committee to whom Mr Hallock's letter was referred reported that they had answered it.

The Secretary reported that he had answered the late letter of Mr Anderson and also had communicated the alteration of our constitution in relation to voting.

Resolved that all ordained missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M. be invited to conduct the meeting on the Sabbath in their turn in alphabetical order.

The Committee to prepare a form for the monthly report of the treasurer reported a blank form which was adopted and the Committee discharged. –

December 27th 1837 Regular meeting. Dr Tracy in the chair.

The committee to write to Mr Travelyan in relation to a system of Roman orthography were discharged.

The Treasurer presented his monthly report showing a balance on hand in cash $706.40.

Ordered that the Treasurer's monthly reports be filed.

Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to sell a bill for £300.

The school committee reported that they had written to Mr Bridgman in relation to receiving boys from China into our school.

The Secretary reported that he had replied to Dr Parker's letter in relation to a semi-annual correspondence.

The committee on Chinese Printing reported that the four block cutters from Macao were paid and discharged.

Voted that Mr Moor be informed that we will continue to rent the Morrisionhouse for one month longer.

Voted that the following books procured by Mr Travelli be charged to the account of the mission and placed in the mission library viz: Taju Salatin — Nabi Mariaj — Soorhan Mahalegei (old) — Sajara Malayu — New Mohammed & Malay letters —

Voted that one copy of the 2nd vol: of Malay Annals be disposed of to Mr North; and that one Copy of Robinson's Malay orthography be given to Mr Robbins, after Mr North has compiled one copy for the library. —

Resolved that Messrs North & Tracy be a committee to settle with Mr Moor for the use of our types & press in printing his book.

Resolved that we will not rent, any longer a pew in the church, as a Mission.

January 9th 1838. Regular meeting. Mr Travelli in the chair.

The school committee reported a general plan for the management of the school during the ensuing year.

Voted that Boon Esq be dismissed if practicable.

Voted that the committee be authorized to hold an examination of the school at the close of the present term.
The further consideration of the report was deferred till another meeting.
An election for officers was then held when
Mr Travelli was chosen Scribe
Mr North Treasurer
Messrs Dickinson & Hope Auditors &
Mr Hope Librarian.
Resolved that arrangements be made

for preparing the annual and semiannual reports of the mission.

Resolved, that the school Committee be appointed to draw up the annual report.

Resolved, that the five copies of Mr Moor's book subscribed for by the mission be put in the care of the librarian.

Voted that one Copy be sent to the Rooms, one be disposed of to Mr Robbins and one be sent to the Canton & Siam Missions each, if they desire it.—

Resolved, that Messrs Dickinson & S Tracy be a committee to prepare a communication to the Canton Mission in relation to the Chinese printing department.—

Resolved, that Mr Dickinson be a committee to prepare a report for the Seaman's Friend Society in relation to the chaplaincy of this port.

Resolved, that the furniture of the Seaman's Hospital be placed under the care of the Committee on Furniture.-

January 23rd.- The regular meeting for this day was postponed, on account of the illness of Bro Hope.

January 30th- Mission assembled- Mr. Dickinson in the Chair.

The Committee to write to Canton Mission on subject of Chinese printing reported that they had written & were discharged.

On motion Mr. I. Tracy was added to the Com. to prepare the Annual Report.

Resolved that it be the duty of the individual who conducts one of our religious services to give notice to the person who is to conduct the next service of the same kind.

Resolved that Mr. North have permission to receive Mohammed the Government Malay teacher as a tenant in Mingler's house for six months; the rent to be paid in teaching Malay to the members of the Mission, at the rate of $1. per Month-

Resolved that whenever resolutions are passed by the Mission affecting persons not present or imposing any duty upon them, it be the duty of the Secretary to inform them of the same, if no other person be appointed to do it.

Resolved that the "Instructions" of the different members of the Mission be bound, they consenting to the same.

Resolved that Messrs S. Tracy and Dickenson be a Com. in reference to the application of A-tëi for baptism.

Resolved that one Copy of "Dymond on War" be loaned to the Temperance Library.

Resolved that the Treasurer be requested to answer the letter lately received from Siam Mission saying that we fully accord with the sentiments of their resolution & will endeavour to comply with their request.

February 1st. 1838. Special meeting—

Mr Dickinson in the chair—

Meeting called for the purpose of considering the agreements by which the boys of the School are held.

On motion Resolved that the School Com: be authorized to dismiss Song Eng; Ee Hei; & Boon Wan Eng?, in case they think it adviseable.

Resolved that the Members of the Missi on the hill be a Com: to remodel the agreement now in existence with the boys of the School.

Resolved that the same Com: be au

thorized to Employ a Chinese teacher for the School for the Current year.

Resolved that the Secretary record the names of the members present at the business meetings of the mission.

Present at this meeting — Dickinson — North
I. Tracy — Travelli —

February 6. 1838 — Regular meeting — Present Dickinson, North — I. Tracy, Travelli also Bro Robbins, of Borneo Mission. Bro North in the Chair.

Resolved that the writer be engaged to finish the Copying of the small Edition of the New Testament in Chinese.

Resolved that in the opinion of this Mission the sum to be allowed a Married Missionary per annum should be
dollars, with dollars for each child during
its first year and dollars for each year
after its first. and for a single missionary
dollars.

On motion the subject for allowance for Missionaries, was postponed until thursday Evening at 7 oclock.

On motion the letter of Mr Dickinson on the Seamen's Chaplaincy was approved & directed to be sent.

Resolved that Mr Tracy be authorized to purchase Chinese printing ink to the amount of One hundred dollars — provided that it can be obtained at two thirds the price paid in Canton.

February 8th 1838 – Special meeting –

Present Dickinson, North, S. Tracy, I. Tracy Travelli. Mr. North in the Chair.

The allowance for Missionaries was brought up & discussed in detail.

Resolved that the first blank in the resolution of last Evening be filled with Eight hundred dollars – the second with One hundred dollars & the third with fifty dollars – the fourth with the "usual proportion allowed to single missionaries" by the Board. And that in addition to the 800 dollars above specified 75 dollars be added for the first year after the arrival in Singapore.

Resolved

Feb. 20, 1838. Regular Meeting. Present, Messrs. J. Tracy, S. Tracy, and North. J. Tracy in the chair. The Secretary being absent, Mr. North acted as Secretary pro. tem.

Resolved, That bros. Doty and Robbins be allowed, in the settlement with them for rent, the sums paid by them for repairs upon the Mission house.

Com. to settle with Mr. Mon reported & were discharged.

February 27. 1838. Special meeting.

Present Dickinson - North - J. Tracy S. Tracy & Travelli - J. Tracy in the Chair.

Present also Mr. Doty of the Batavia Mission Mr. Robbins of Borneo Mission - & Mr. Johnson of Siam Mission -

Resolved that the thanks of this mission are due to Dr. Oxley for the kind, prompt and skilful manner in which he has, from time to time given medical advice and attention to the different members of the mission.

Resolved that as a small token of our respect and esteem he be requested to accept the sum of One hundred dollars.

Resolved that Mr. Ryan be informed in answer to his proposition to let these premises for a longer period, that we will continue to occupy them at the present rent of $30. per month - (he keeping them in repair) for a period of four years from the first of January ultimo; or in case we cease to occupy them we will give him six months previous notice & also pay him the value of three months rent on doing so. in Case we leave the premises in less than three years.

Resolved, that the sum of $60. be expended for the Siamese Mission in casting type from the old Siamese matrices.

The treasurer presented the monthly report - showing a balance in the Treasury - in cash & bills &c. of $4.971.95½.

On motion Resolved that the sum of Eight hundred dollars in the resolution of February 8th - be changed to Seven hundred & fifty -

March 6th 1838. Regular meeting

Present Dickinson, North. I. Tracy & S. Tra & Travelli. Dr. Tracy in the Chair.

Present also Mr. Doty of Bat. Miss. & Mr Johnson of Siam Mission. also Mr Robbins.

The annual report being presented, it was voted that it should be read with a view to amendment if necessary -

The remainder of the meeting was occupied with the reading & discussion of the annual report, which was amended & agreed to.

During the discussion of this subject Dr. Tracy asked leave of absence, on account of pressing business.

March 9th 1838 - Special meeting.

Present Dickinson, North, I. Tracy. S. Tracy, & Travelli - Dr. Tracy in the Chair

Meeting called for the purpose of consulting respecting the disposition proper to be made of Affat, now that ~~the~~ two Missionaries of the London Miss. Socy. (Messrs A. & J. Stronach) have arrived.

Whereas Missionaries from the London Miss. Society have now arrived and expressed a wish to have Affat under their care and he has been connected with that Society for many years, therefore

Resolved that they be informed how he became connected with us, that we have not regarded him as connected with our Board, and that we are entirely willing to have him go immediately under their direction.

Resolved that the Com: on Affat & Attuck be a com: to attend to the above business.

~~Resolved that the said Missionaries~~ also be made acquainted with the application of Ali and the man from Siam for baptism, and with our wish to refer them as far as we are concerned entirely to Afa & let him take the responsibility of their instruction and baptism, but would advise that the baptism of the latter be deferred till Mr. Dean returns

Recorded **March 13. 1838.** Special Meeting

Present Dickinson, North, S. Tracy J. Tracy & Travelli — Dr Tracy in the Chair.

Resolved that in order not to interfere with the meetings of the Bible society our regular meetings for business be held on the 2d & 4th Tuesdays of the month.

Resolved that Mr Robbins be requested to loan to this Mission an Orrery and a map of the world & the other school apparatus now in his charge, with the assurance that the Mission will return to him these Articles whenever he shall have use for them.

Resolved that Abdullah may be engaged at Fifteen dollars per month for the present and some encouragement be given him to expect that we may hereafter make arrangements for his more permanent employment and the payment of his debt at Malacca

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Resolved that 50 tracts of Each Kind we have, and 25 Copies of John's gospel in Malay be sent as a donation to Mr Werth with a letter written by Mr Travelli on subject of tract distribution in general.

March 23. 1838 Special meeting -

Present Dickinson North S. Tracy I. Tracy & Travelli - Dr Tracy presiding.

Whereas there are other missionaries besides ourselves, who are permanently stationed here, and the present plan of holding the monthly concert may seem to imply a desire on our part to monopolize this meeting to ourselves.

Resolved that Mr. Squire & the Messrs Stronach be invited to unite with us in taking the responsibility and the direction of this meeting and that the secretary write them a note on the subject.

March 27. 1838 Regular meeting.

Present ~~Hope~~ Dickinson, North. S. & I. Tracy & Travelli - Dickinson presiding

Treasurer presented his monthly report shewing a balance of $4.381.33 in the Treasury which was accepted.

Resolved that in our opinion it is expedient for Bro I. Tracy to baptize Atei.

On motion the standing Com. on Afat & Atuch was discharged

Com: on Atei was discharged.

Messrs North & Robbins were appointed a committee to make out a list of prices for book binding.

Whereas two Physicians in whom we have Confidence, have given it as their decided opinion that Doct. Hope's health requires him immediately to take a voyage to Europe or America; and whereas our opinion, so far as we are qualified to form an opinion, corresponds with that of Doctors Ofley and Forbes, above referred to; and whereas we believe that his taking this voyage, immediately, is the Course which affords the most hope of his being able to return ultimately to this Station:

Resolved

1. That in our opinion Mr. Hope ought to embrace the first good opportunity of going to Europe or America.

2. That we earnestly desire his return to this field of labor at as early a period as the Lord to whose kind providence we commend him, shall see fit to allow.

3. That Mr. I. Tracy be Librarian in place of Dr. Hope.

4. That the school committee remain for the present as it is, Dr. Hope being considered merely an absent-member, ~~which~~ while the duties of the Committeeship are to be discharged by Mr.

Travelli.

Resolved that the regulation requiring the Librarian to Circulate periodicals be rescinded; and that they be placed on a shelf in the Library for such time after their arrival as he may see fit; and that when members take any of them from the room they shall enter the names in the librarians books as they do the names of books taken from the library.

Resolved that Dr Hope be authorized to draw from treasury so much money as in his opinion shall be necessary to defray the expenses of his intended voyage.

Resolved that the treasurer be authorized to pay Dr S. Tracy one hundred dollars to defray the expenses of his passage to Siam.

Resolved that Mr Dickinson take charge of the Mission medicines instead of Dr Hope, on his departure.

Resolved that in making up the accounts of the mission with the Tract & Bible society we will authorize no charge to those societies, except so far as the Mission have authorized the making of books on account of said societies.

Resolved that Bro's. Dickinson & Hope be appointed a Committee to write a letter to the rooms respecting the Commencement of a female boarding school.

March 29 Special Meeting

Present Dickinson S & J Tracy & Travelli — Dickinson presiding

Resolved that Dr Tracy be authorized to draw from the treasury the balance of the $750.— allowed for him by the Prudential Committee.

Resolved that Mr Ennis be authorized to draw from the Treasury to the amount of $160.—

April 10. 1838. Regular Meeting.

Present Dickinson, North, & Travelli — North in the Chair.

Mr North reported that he had written & sent the letter to the Siam Mission as directed.

Mr North made a ~~motion~~ report on the price of book binding which was on motion postponed.

Resolved that the following books procured by Mr Dickinson & Mr Hope be purchased & placed in the Mission Library — to wit,

Mr. Dickinson –	Koran	5.–
	Raffles, Java	10.–
	Symes Embassy to Ava	2.–
Mr. North –	Golownin's Japan	.50
	Indo Chinese Gleaner	4.–
	Begbie's Malay Peninsula	5.–
	Milne's Retrospect	1.50
	Blok's History of Celebes	1.–
	History of Java	.50

April 20. 1838. Special Meeting at the Mission house – Present Dickinson, North & Travelli. North in the Chair.

A letter from Hon. S. Church, communicating a letter from Mr. Davies of Penang in reference to the occupation of Province Wellesley by the A. B. C. F. M. as a mission station having been read together with Mr D's letter

Resolved that Dickinson & Travelli be a Committee to communicate the facts in reference to this subject to the Prudential Committee.

Resolved that a part of the apparatus recently received from America (which was ordered for Mr. Tomlin of Malacca, but cannot now be taken by the brethren connected with the Benevolent Institution of that place) be offered to the Singapore Institution for sale agreeably to the request of Mr White or ~~of~~ as a loan if they prefer not to purchase.

April 24. 1838 – Regular Meeting–

Present – Dickinson, Tracy & Travelli

Tracy in the Chair –

Resolved that 50 Copies of each of the Chinese tracts which have been printed by this Mission be presented to the Singapore Tract Society.

Resolved that Mr. Rottger of Rhio be informed that we will lend him one part of Morrison's Chinese Dictionary, if he desires it.

Resolved that a Siamese blank book, a rejected manuscript, and a copy of the first Edition of Luke be presented to Mr. Rottger.

Resolved that Mr. Tracy be authorized to employ a Chinese teacher at not more than ten dollars per month.

The Secretary reported that he had written to Mr. Werth of Malacca as directed.

Treasurers report – Shows a balance in Treasury of $ 2711 50 cs exclusive of debts due the Mission – i.e. $574.

May 3rd 1838 Special meeting

Present Dickinson, North, Tracy & Travelli – Tracy in the Chair.

The subject of printing an Edition

of "Sajarah Malayu" for the Singapore Institution was brought up & discussed at considerable length.

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to sell a bill for £200. to Mr. Mc Micking.

May 8th 1838. Regular Meeting

Present Tracy - Dickinson North Travelli - Dickinson in the Chair

Resolved that the librarian be authorized to procure another set of book shelves for the library.

Resolved that Mr. Orr be invited to conduct the Sabbath evening service in turn with ourselves and other American missionaries here.

Resolved that, Tracy & Dickinson be a Committee to have the deed of the land bought of Mr. Thomsen executed in accordance with the Power of attorney just received.

Resolved that Mr. North send to the Batavian Mission 50 of the Gospel of John in Malay & 150 of Each of the tracts in Malay agreeably to their request.

Resolved that the School Committee be authorized to increase the number of boys in the School to Twenty five.

Resolved that Mr. Dickinson be authorized to Subscribe for the Hawaiian Spectator for the Mission Library

May 18. 1838 Special Meeting—

Present Tracy, North, Travelli & Dickinson — Dickinson presiding — also Mr Johnson of the Siam Mission—

Mr. Johnson having stated that he was in need of three hundred dollars to complete the amount necessary to defray the expenses of his voyage to America, It was

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Mr. Johnston Three hundred dollars for which he will give a draft on the Siam Mission.

May 22d. 1838 Regular meeting

Present Dickinson, Tracy, & Travelli Tracy presiding pro tem in absence of North.

Mr. Tracy reported that he had sent the first part of Morrison Chinese dictionary (3 vols) to Mr. Rottger (Rhio)

May 24. 1838 — Special Meeting

Present Dickinson, North, Tracy Dickinson — Tracy presiding.

Evening spent in discussing the subject of Estimates for the expenses of the Mission for several years to come — On motion

Resolved that the following sums be the Estimates for the years respectively mentioned — to wit —

	1838-9	1839-40	1840-1
Schools	$ 800.—	1200.—	1500.—
Apparatus & books for Sch.	50.—	100.—	100.—
3 Mission families (1 Chin.)	2400.—	2400.—	2400.—
1 Unmarried Miss.y	500.—	500.—	500.—
Rent & Taxes	400.—	400.—	400.—
Repairs	50.—	150.—	150.—
Library	50	50	100
Periodicals	50	50	50
Postage	40	40	40
Freight & Coolies &	40	40	40
Teachers	324	432	432
Chinese Printing.			
Teaching block Cutting Printing & Binding	250 50 } 300	150 100 } 250	250
Binding, Printing dept & foundry	300	350	350
Contingencies	400	400	400
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Resolved that the Mercury, Boston Recorder, & Moral Reformer be discontinued, if taken at the Expense of the Mission.

The Treasurer presented his monthly report, showing a balance in the Treasury of $ 6.754.26. which was accepted.

June 12. 1838 Regular Meeting

Present Tracy Dickinson & Travelli

Dickinson Presiding. – Bro. North however afterwards arrived & took the Chair.

Librarian reported that he had requested the periodicals mentioned in resolution of last meeting to be discontinued –

Secretary reported that he had forwarded the letter to the Rooms containing the Estimates & explanations.

Com. on Kudah reported they had written to the rooms – Com. discharged.

June 26. 1838 Regular Meeting

Present Dickinson, Tracy, Travelli.

Dickinson presiding.

Treasurer presented his monthly

report showing a balance in the treasury of $6213.95. which was accepted.

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to / dispose of a bill for £.200.–

Mr. North came in after the meeting commenced – also Rev Messrs Steele & Cherry of Ceylon & Madura missions

July 10. 1838 – Regular Meeting –

Present Dickinson, Tracy, North & Travelli – North in the chair. also Bro. Cherry of Ceylon Mission,

Resd. that the wages of the Malay teacher employed by Mr. Tracy be charged to the Mission –

Resd. that an order on Mr. Marshman of Serampore for thirty rupees be sent to Mr. Barclay to pay for books purchased for us by Mr. Barclay.

July 24. 1838 Regular Meeting.

Present Dickinson, Tracy, North, & Travelli. Tracy in the chair.

The Treasurer made his monthly report showing a balance in the Treasury of $5772.45 – which was accepted.

Resolved that the Mercury, Boston Recorder, & Moral Reformer be discontinued, if taken at the Expense of the Mission.

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Resd that the wages of the Malay teacher employed by Mr Tracy be charged to the Mission –

Resd that an order on Mr Marshman of Serampore for thirty rupees be sent to Mr Barclay to pay for books purchased for us by Mr Barclay.

July 24. 1838 Regular Meeting.

Present Dickinson, Tracy, North, & Travelli. Tracy in the chair.

The Treasurer made his monthly report showing a balance in the Treasury of $5772.45 which was accepted.

Resolved that five hundred dollars be at the disposal of Bro. Dickinson above the amount of his salary, for travelling expenses during the year 1838 — 9 commencing Aug. 1. 1838.

August 14. 1838 Regular meeting

Present Dickinson, North, Tracy & Travelli

Dickinson presiding.

On motion, the Scribe for the preceding part of the year was re-elected scribe.

Resolved that we accede to the request of the Siam Mission, to accept of an order on Mr. Hill for $375. being the amount furnished by this mission to Mr. Johnson.

A letter from the Siam Mission was read, requesting an alteration of the regulations now existing between the two Missions & after some conversation on the subject it was resolved that the Secretary write a letter to the Siam Mission, expressing our views on the subject.

August 28. 1838 Regular meeting

Present Dickinson, Tracy & Travelli

Tracy presiding

Secretary reported that he had written to the Siam Mission as directed at the last meeting.

Treasurer presented his monthly report shewing balance in the Treasury of f 5.153.36c which was accepted.

Resolved that the Secretary write to Mr. Marshman Serampore, in reference to a republication of the "Clavis Sinica" or a portion of it. -- (This work was written by the late Dr. Marshman & is now out of print.)

Mr. North came in after the Commencement of the meeting.

September 11. 1838 Regular meeting.

Present Dickinson, Tracy, Travelli & North. North in the Chair.
Secretary reported that he had written to Mr. Marshman as directed.

Resolved that Bros. North & Tracy be authorized to print a book of exercises in translation for the School -

Resolved that the Secretary write to the President of the Auxiliary Missionary Society at Sourabaya, in reference to a letter received from Rev. J. Ennis in behalf of said Society requesting us to print an Edition of the Psalms in Malay.

September 18. 1838. Special meeting

Present Dickinson, Tracy. North, & Travelli. also Messrs Dyer Ball, & George W. Wood who arrived yesterday from America as a reinforcement to this mission— also Rev. William J. Pohlman destined to join the Batavia mission—

North in the Chair—

Letters from Mr. Anderson read—

Resolved that Mr. Tracy be a committee to procure the information required by Mr. Anderson in regard to Mr. Thomsen & the purchase of the mission lot & write to the rooms on the subject.

Resolved that Dickinson Travelli & Wood be a com: to examine the Estimates for the year, comparing the same with the amount allowed by the Board for the same.

Adjourned to Thursday afternoon after prayer meeting.

September 20. 1838 Special meeting

Present Ball, Dickinson, North Tracy, ~~Tracy~~, Wood & Travelli.—

Also Messrs Doty, Pohlman Thomsen of Batavia mission. & Rev Mr. Orr.

North in the Chair.

The Com: appointed in reference to the Estimates h reported & the business was recommitted to the same Com: with the instructions to prepare a statement of the same for the Rooms.

Resolved that Mr. Tracy be authorized to rent a house in town at not more than $20 per month - provided that if this addition to our Expenditures be not sanctioned by the Board Mr. Tracy will pay the rent out of his private allowance.

September 24. 1838 Regular meeting
Present Ball, Dickinson, North, Tracy Wood & Travelli -
Dickinson presiding -

Treasurer reported that there was a balance in the Treasury of $ 9.248.76 which was accepted.

The Com: on the Estimates read their letter to the Rooms which after some amendment was approved.

The Secretary read the abstract of the minutes up to Aug. 14. 1838 which was approved & ordered to be sent.

Resolved that Messrs Tracy & Wood be a Com to provide a place for the block-cutters at work on the hill & be authorized to expend 10 dollars in doing it.

Resolved that ~~the~~ in consideration of the Chinese teacher having recd but $7 a month during the first part of the year; he be allowed $11 on condition that he devote 3 hours daily to teaching under the direction of Mr Ball.

Resolved that Messrs Tracy & Travelli be a Com: to answer the letter of Messrs Davies & Beighton on the subject of native education.

Resolved that a set of the bound vols of the American Tract Socy just recd; be presented to the Singapore Institution.

A letter from the Siam Mission was recd in relation to the manufacture of Siamese type— Which was read & Mr North requested to prepare a concise statement of the facts in the case & present the same to the Mission.

Special Meeting Sept. 27. 1838

Present Ball Dickinson, North, Tracy
Wood, Travelli.

Dickinson presiding—

Resolved that Bro. North be authorized to sell a bill for £ 300 —

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to send to Dr. Tracy Three hundred & seventy five dollars on account of his salary for this year.

Resolved that Messrs Ball & Wood be authorized to draw from the treasury for them Each Two hundred dollars over the amount of their salary for the present year — this ~~is~~ being part of their outfit which was unexpended in America.

Bro. North presented the statement requested at the last meeting & the Secretary was requested to answer the letter of the Siam Mission expressing the views of this Mission on the subject.

Resolved that our Thursday prayer meeting & our regular business meetings be held at 7 oclock in the Evening instead of 5 in the afternoon.

Oct. 4. 1838 Special meeting

Present Ball, Dickinson, North Tracy Travelli Wood —

Dickinson presiding —

~~Resol~~ Mr. Dickinson stated he had now an opportunity to go to Canton by way of Manilla, with Capt Le Fevour on very reasonable terms.

Resolved, that in consequence of the state of his health & in consequence of its being a good & cheap opportunity of visiting Manilla, we ~~fully~~ approve of his ~~accept~~ going at this time.

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to sell a bill for £ 300 —

Resolved that Mr. Dickinson be allowed to take such books as he may desire from certain books formerly given by him to the Board in Boston & recently sent to this mission, he giving for the Library their value in other books.

A letter from Dr. Anderson of June 15. 1838 received yesterday was brought before the mission & considerable time occupied in discussing the topic, in reference to the number of missionaries needed in Singapore —

October 9. 1838 — Regular meeting

Present Ball, North Tracy, Travelli Wood. North presiding.

Mr. Tracy reported that he had sent the Tract vols to the Committee of the Singapore Institution, but had recd no reply.

The Secretary reported that he had written to Siam Mission as directed

The treasurer reported that he had sent the money to Dr Tracy as directed, on very favourable terms.

The Secretary reported that he had written to Rev H. T. Riempel, Presidt. Aux: Miss: Soc. Surabaya, as directed at a former meeting.

Com: to write respecting purchase of land of Mr Thomsen, to the rooms reported he had prepared a letter Com, discharged.—

Resolved that blocks be cut for a small Geography in Chinese provided the Institution Free school Com will give $10 towards defraying the expense

Resolved that the Messrs Stronach be invited to ~~join~~ take part in our usual Sabbath exercises.

Resolved that Mr Ball be requested to take charge of the medicines belonging to the Mission.

Oct. 23, 1838. Regular Meeting. Present, Ball, North, Tracy, Wood. Tracy presiding.

Treasurer reported a balance in the treasury of $8.728.12.

Resolved, that the Committee on Chinese Printing be autthorised to have blocks cut for the Life of Jesus.

Resolved, That the Com. Chin. Print. be authorised to hire the six block cutters from Canton to cut such blocks as may be required, at not more than $2 per 1000 characters.

Resolved, That a set copy of "Educational Course" be bought of Mr. McMicking for the library, price $6.

Resolved, That Mr Wood be appointed librarian instead of Mr. Tracy, who is to move to town.

Resolved, That Mr. Ball be appointed land committee instead of Mr. Tracy.

Nov. 14. 1838. Regular Meeting

Present Ball, North, Tracy, Travelli, & Wood — Wood presiding.

Whereas T. McMicking has offered an illegitimate child of his to Mr. Travelli for the purpose of adoption into his family with the view to her being baptized & brought up in a christian manner and ultimately becoming a Missionary or Instructress to her own people he providing for her support,— therefore;

Resolved, that Mr. Travelli has the approbation of the Mission in taking said child.

Resolved - that the "Educational Course" purchased of Mr. McMicking be paid for by the school Committee and charged in the school account and placed with the other school books.

Resolved - that we send through Mr. Moor for "Jackson on Wood Engraving" & "Babbage on Machinery & Manufactures."

Resolved that Le Sing Seng be paid for $5 for Copying Chinese (catholic) books.

Resolved that Mr. Tracy be the Tract Man, in accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Hallock in his letter of 1838.

Regular meeting Nov 28. 1838

Present Ball, North Tracy, Wood Travelli - Ball presiding -

Treasurer presented his monthly report showing a balance in the Treasury $7.251.25 which was accepted -

Resolved that Messrs. Tracy & Ball be auditors for the remainder of the Current year.

Resd. that there be and examination of the school at such time as the School Com: may think proper.

Resolved that Mr. Ball be authorized to Employ ~~for~~ his Chinese Teacher for a ~~further~~ larger number of hours per day, at the same rate as at present.

Dec. 3d 1838 Special Meeting.

Present Ball, North, Tracy, Wood, Travelli

A letter from Mr. Dickinson having been received requesting that the balance of money authorized by a former vote× of the mission to be drawn by him be sent him at Canton

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to comply with his request

Resolved that Mr. Ball make out a list of Medicines for the use of the mission families & that the same be sent for (when approved) to the rooms with a representation of the prices of medicine in Singapore.

Dec. 11. 1838 Regular Meeting-

Present Ball, North, Tracy, Wood & Travelli - North in Chair

× See page 156— This was intended to include his salary for the current year making the whole amt $1000.

The Secretary reported having recd a donation of $50 from Sir W. Norris for the School- Mr Tracy also reported a similar donation from Sir William for a contemplated girls school.

Resolved that in our opinion Sir W. Norris would be a suitable person to be appointed a Corresponding member of the Board.

Resolved that Messrs North & Wood be a Committee to prepare the Annual Report.

Resolved that Mr Ball be a Com: to answer the semi-annual letter this day received from the Canton Mission.

Dec: 25. 1838 Regular Meeting

Present Ball, North, Tracy, Wood & Travelli - Tracy presiding

Secretary reported that he had prepared a letter to the rooms in reference to the appointment of Sir W. Norris a Corresponding member of the Board.

The Treasurer presented his ~~annual~~ monthly report showing a balance of $5.777.72 which was accepted.

Resolved that the request of Siam Mission in regard to an alteration of the existing rules be complied with. (See their letter dated Nov. 20. 1838. this Eving presented to the Mission)

Resolved that the Secretary write to the Siam Mission, in reference to their letter just received, dated Dec. 3. 1838. expressing the views of the Mission.

January 8. 1838 Regular meeting

Present Ball, Tracy, Wood, Travelli – Wood Presiding.

The Secretary reported that he had written to the Siam Mission in reference to the two resolutions passed last meeting & sent the letters some days since.

Resolved that the Canton Mission be requested to purchase for us 1000 blocks.

January 22d 1839 Regular meeting

Present Ball, North, Tracy, Wood, Travelli — Ball presiding.

Treasurer presented his monthly report showing a balance of $5.162.13 which was accepted.

Mr. Ball presented a list of medicines which was approved with the understanding that certain additions & amendments should be made — the whole not to exceed $50.—

Resolved that Mr. Tracy be authorized to employ Chinese printers after the 1st of April next on such terms as he may think adviseable provided the price be not higher than is now paid.

Resolved that Mr. Tracy be permitted to keep the letters of Canton Mission at his house.

Resolved that Mr. Rottger be informed that we will grant for his voyage to Banca &c from the funds of the Am: Tr: Soc. to such an amount not exceeding $60.— as he may find it necessary to draw upon us for.

February 26. 1839 Regular meeting

Present Ball, Tracy, Wood, & Travelli
Tracy presiding.

Mr. Ball reported that he had sent the list of medicines mentioned at last meeting.

An Election of officers was held which resulted in the Choice of

Travelli Scribe
Wood Librarian
North Treasurer
Tracy & Ball } Auditors

Resolved that Mr. Tracy, be authorized to send two boxes of tracts approved by the Am: Tr: Soc. to Mr. Shuck at Macao.

March. 11. 1839 Special meeting

Present Ball, North. Tracy. Wood & Travelli – Tracy presiding

Meeting is called to hear the annual report read. Several hours were sent in reading & discussing the report

March 12. 1839 Regular Meeting.

Present Ball, North, Tracy, Wood & Travelli. North presiding.

Resolved that Mr. Tracy be authorized to pay the passage to China of the remaining block-cutters sent here from Canton. – Their return being in accordance with the special request of Mr. Bridgman

Mar. 13. 1839 – Adjourned meeting.

Present Ball, North, Tracy, Wood & Travelli. North presiding.

The report was again read & adopted.

Mar 14. 1839 Special Meeting

Present Tracy & Travelli.

The meeting was called to consider the case of the block Cutters mentioned above, they having represented to Mr. Tracy that they are in debt here & cannot leave Singapore until their debts are paid.

Resolved that Mr. Tracy ascertain if possible the ~~t~~ truth of this statement & if found to be true, give them employment for two months & a half or until their debt is paid, if this should be deemed necessary.

March 26. 1839 Regular meeting

Present Ball, Tracy, Wood & Travelli. Wood presiding. — Bro North came in after the Commencement of the meeting.

Mr Ball reported that he had sent the letter to Canton previously reported.

Resd that the Treasurer be authorized to purchase from Mr Moor a bill on China for $185.28 for the money directed to be sent to Canton Mission.

Resolved that Mr Travelli be authorized to send twenty Copies of Robinsons John to Mr Mitthoffer & also give to Mr Bausem twenty five Copies of the same.

Resd that the Secretay be authorized to procure a letter book price not exceeding $5.

Resolved, That Mr. Ball be authorized to expend not more than $10 in the preparation of stands, cases, etc. for ~~make~~ trying experiments with Chinese movable type.

Resolved that a committee of two, Messrs Tracy & Ball, be appointed to investigate the truth of certain charges against Achang.

April 9. 1839 Regular meeting.

Present Ball, Dickinson, North, Tracy, Wood & Travelli — Ball presiding.

The Treasurer reported that there was a balance of $2.828.73 - last month which was accepted.

Res.d that the Treasurer be authorized to send $200 to Dr. Tracy on account of his salary — & that he be informed that the balance of the $800 for this year shall be sent as soon as we find we can spare it with safety to ourselves.

Resolved that the Canton Mission be requested to take out of the money sent (by order of our Morrison Education Society for Akwang's tuition) $60. for 6 Dictionaries.

Note. The Mission have received the money for 2. i.e. 1 from Mr. Nevius & 1 from Mr. Stronach — four others being in the possession of the members of the Mission. Two others are supposed to have been taken by the Siam Mission & Mr Johnson.

Res.d that the two dictionaries above mentioned be charged to the Siam Mission.

On motion Mr. Dickinson was added to the Committee on Achang's Case, in place of Mr. Tracy ~~be~~ resigned.

Resolved that the Salary recommended ~~by the Mission in the report for 1838 be~~ allowed to each member of the Mission for the current year, commencing Aug. 1. 1838.

Resolved that the Malay testaments in Mr. Travelli's possession be bound & the expense charged to the Am. Bible Society.

Res.d that Mr. Dickinson be app.d Superintendent of the Chinese depart=

ment of the School during Mr. Tracy's absence.

Resolved that the Siamese Matrices be loaned to the Siam Mission of the A.B.C.F.M.

(abstract of minutes to this place, sent to Rooms Apl. 24. 1839 I. 55)

April 23. 1839 Regular Meeting.

Present Ball, Dickinson, North, Wood & Travelli. Dickinson presiding.

Treasurer's Report for the month was presented showing a balance of $2.229.69 in the treasury, which was accepted.

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to sell a bill for £200.

The Com to write to Penang on native Education reported that they had written a letter & were discharged.

The Com: on Achang's Case reported & were discharged.

The Secretary presented an abstract of the minutes up to this da which was approved & ordered to be sent to the rooms.

Resolved that the School Com: send for the following books for the school.

6. Woodbridge's & Willard's Geography & Atlas. with the same number of the Topic book.

6 Burritt's Geography of the Heavens & Atlas.

May 2nd 1839. Special Meeting
Present Ball, Dickinson, North, Tracy, Wood & Travelli.

Dickinson presiding.

Resolved that the cost of blocks for all chinese books sent us to be printed since Jan. 1. 1837 may be charged to the persons who sent them: & that allowance be made to the owners whenever we use them to print for other persons.

Resolved that the school committee send for the following books for the school—

18 Websters school Dictionary.
13 Grund's Plane Geometry
13 Grund's Solid Geometry

Resolved that the Regular meetings of the Mission for the present be held Monthly on the first Wednesday of the Month at 2 o'clock P.M.

The Treasurer having stated that the Treasurer of the Borneo Mission had requested to be informed of the balance in our hands belonging to that Mission, as there was at present an opportunity for one or more of their number to proceed to Borneo, presented certain statements and calculations, when it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to inform the brethren of the Borneo Mission that whereas Mr. Hill in his last letter sending money" to this Mission, sent only £1000, ~~stating~~ with the proviso that of this sum "£600 are for the brethren who formed the Java Mission and Mr. Thomson and Mr. Pohlman," and whereas Mr. Hill in his letter of Aug. 14, 1838, informed us that these brethren having drawn on him for $2500, "would not have occasion to draw on us" for the amount he previously supposed; and whereas they have already received four fifths of the said £600; and whereas, the whole sum at present in our treasury is only about $1800; and whereas the daily sustenance of eleven families besides two single persons (i.e. including the brethren of the Borneo Mission now in Singapore, and Dr. Tracy) together with our school and the other operations of our Mission are all depending on this treasury, therefore Resolved that this Mission can not advance them any thing, beyond what is necessary for their support untill the receipt of additional funds from America.

Resolved, That notwithstanding the above facts, we will most cheerfully divide with them what remains for our mutual support, as long as it will last.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with our brethren in the circumstances in which they are placed by the want of funds, especially as they have been already detained so long, and at present have an opportunity for getting away, and another may not occur again soon.

May 11. 1839 Special Meeting

Present Ball, North, Dickinson, Wood & Travelli.

Resolved that the Mission purchase from Mr. Travelli six chairs for the large Room $ 3.32 – & 2 account books for the Treasurer $ 4.60 –

A communication having been received from the Borneo Mission relative to the

Resolutions paſsed at the last meeting the following minute was adopted after the subject had been discuſsed.

From the minute of the Borneo miſsion of May 7th. it would appear that they did not understand our minute of May 2d. as we did. So far were we from intending to limit or in any way to interfere with their expenditures that we wished it to be understood that we were willing to divide with them our own funds. In the first draft of our resolutions it was distinctly stated that we had no funds of the Borneo miſsion in our treasury, but the phraseology was changed lest it should seem harsh and evince an unwillingneſs in us to lend our own money as long as it should last, to supply immediate wants. We supposed the second letter of Mr Hill referred as well to the £ 600 as to the £ 1200. Otherwise we saw not ~~how~~ why Mr Hill should have written as he did before sending more. it not being his practice to give directions respecting money not yet forwarded. If however we were mistaken in our interpretation of his language we shall be happy to be corrected, and shall willingly refer the matter to him for decision.

We do not complain that the Borneo miſsion should have interpreted the letters of Mr Hill differently from what we did, but we see not what occasion there was for changing us with "seeming to assume the right of directing and limiting their expenditures", and we cannot but think that they will be disposed on reconsideration of the subject to recall the words referred to.

To prevent misunderstanding we would state that Mr Nott receives no bills from Mr Hill ~~except~~ only as treasurer of the mission and not as an individual, and is not at liberty to sell any bill without an express vote of the mission -

In reply to what is said respecting the proportion of the £1200 already recd. we would say that Mr Hill's saying that any person or persons are authorized to draw from our treasury a certain amount imposes on us no obligation to pay that amount any faster than the money is received - & further since our attention is thus called to this point it seems

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that the $2500 mentioned by Mr Hill and the $2000 paid by Mr Nott amount to at least two thirds of the $7000 when the necessary deduction is made for loss in exchange -

With respect to the request ~~to sell~~ that bills sent to the Borneo mission be sold as soon as they can be to advantage we reply that we shall cheerfully do so whenever any bills for the use of the Borneo Mission shall be received. Hitherto their funds ~~th~~ and ours have been included in the same bills so that strictly speaking not the bills themselves but a certain portion of the avails of the bills belonged to them. To prevent the recurrence of difficulty in future we think it would be decidedly better that separate bills should be sent for the Borneo mission which would of course be under their exclusive control —

May 27. 1839 — Special Meeting

Present Ball, North Dickinson — Wood & Travelli — Dickinson presiding.

Resolved that the Treasurer have authority to sell a bill for £300.—

June 5. 1839 Regular Meeting

Present Ball, Dickinson, North, Wood & Travelli

North in the Chair.

The treasurer presented his monthly report shewing a balance of $850.- in the Treasury, Mr. Dickinson reported that he had written to Mr. Williams, Macao respecting the Dictionaries — see Letter book No. 2. pag.

Resolved that Messrs Bell & Dickinson be a com. to revise the form of reports prescribed for the treasurer & prepare another if they deem it necessary.

Resolved that School Committee be authorized to have a new privy erected for the school & also to have the Kitchen removed, (when he may judge proper) to a more suitable place.

Resolved that Mr. Travelli be authorized to get a new set of steps for his house on the side next the Kitchen.

Resolved that Dr. Tracy be informed that he may draw from the Siam Mission the balance of the Seven hundred & fifty dollars not yet sent him, in case they have not sent us the balance due us. & that the Siam Mission be requested to forward the balance due us as soon as possible.

Resolved that the following sums be added to the sums already requested for the annual expenses of this Mission for the year 1839-40 & 1840-41.

to wit — for 1839-40 — present sums

For Travelling expenses	1500	
" Female school, if appd.	200	
" Printing Psalms 700 & Other Bible & Tract Ptg 300	1000	2.800

For 1840-41. Present sum ———		
Travelling Expenses ———	1500	
Female school ———	200	
Bible & Tract Socy funds	500	2.200

Resolved. that Mr North be authorized to expend $10. for ataping the wooden Chinese printing house occupied by Achang.

Resolved that Mr North be authorized to purchase 3 reams of printing paper ~~f~~ @ 3. — also 200 sheets of pasteboard @$4. —

Resolved that the Treasurer be requested to make enquiry as to the terms on which the Mission Est can be mortgaged— Note this measure seems necessary in consequence of the low state of the treasury & the danger that we shall be soon entirely without funds.

July 3rd. 1839. Regular Meeting.

Present Ball, Dickinson, North, Wood & Travelli.

Wood in the chair.

~~Resolved~~. It having been stated that William Brown, our type cutter, was desirous that we should take his two sons Thomas & William into the school— the question arose whether such boys were suitable scholars for our School – the matter having been discussed at some length the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the boys mentioned be admitted & the ~~ref~~ form of agreement presented by the School Committee be approved. & that the reasons for the admission of these boys be mentioned particularly in the next semi-annual letter of the Secretary.

Note – The Parents of these boys are Protestants – They were brought up almost exclusively by Rev. W. Thomson – Mis. L.M.S. – The Mother particularly (Eve) has always appeared to conduct herself very well. The boys have been baptized by Protestants. The Mother is very desirous that the boys should be brought up in a christian manner & this appears to be her principal reason for wishing them to be in the School. The father is a half Portuguese i.e. an Indo-Portuguese – the Mother is a free Malay.*

The Secretary reported that he had written to the rooms about the additional items to our Estimates for 1839–40 & 1840–41.

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* The language used by them is principally Malay.

The Treasurer reported showing the balance in the Treasury $267.43. besides a bill for £100. – which was accepted.

A paper having been received from the Borneo Mission, relative to Tracts & appropriations of the Tract Society:–

Resolved that Messrs Dickinson & Wood be a Com: to answer the same.

Resolved that the Quilts sent in box of Apparatus be appropriated to use of the school.

Resolved that Bro. Wood be a Com: to invite the Baptist brethren recently arrived, to take part in our Sabbath evening services.

July 10. 1839 Special Meeting.

Present Ball North Dickinson Wood & Travelli.

Wood in the chair.

The meeting was called to consider the application of some Portuguese Malay boys who it was stated were desirous of Entering the school. The subject of taking these boys as the nucleus of a Malay department was discussed. When on motion it was

Resolved that the School Com. be authorized to take for this purpose such suitable boys of this description as can be obtained to the number of seven or Eight and Employ a Malay teacher: and that the same be communicated to the Rooms (in connection with the resolution regarding the two boys of the same class received by vote of last meeting) with the reasons for the same, particularly that they are taken as the commencement of a Malay ~~school~~ department.

Resolved that Messrs Dickinson & Ball be a committee to revise the Estimates for the year 1840-41 & to make Estimates for the year 1841-42.

July 11. 1839 Special Meeting

Present Ball, Dickinson, North, Wood Travelli. Wood presiding.

Meeting called to consider the subject of Estimates.

Resolved that estimates for ensuing years be made once a year at the time of making the annual report

That each member of the Mission present his estimate for personal expenses & for his teacher, for the year 1840-41 it being understood that he will not be allowed to draw beyond his estimate without a special vote of the mission, & also his estimate for 1841-42, it being understood that a change can be made in respect to this year any time before next Jany.

July 17. 1839 Special Meeting.

Present Ball, North, Dickinson Wood, & Travelli. Wood in the Chair.

Meeting called to see whether the Chinese printers shall have any further work.

Resolved that we are not willing to run in debt to them and cannot give them work at present.

Resolved that 200 Copies of the Gospel of John in Malay, Robinson, be sent to Mr. Ennis, at Batavia, in compliance with his request—.

August 7. 1839— Regular Meeting.

Present Ball, Dickinson, North, Wood & Tracy & Travelli — Ball in the Chair

The Committee to write to the Borneo Mission, reported that they had performed their duty assigned to them.

Mr. Wood reported that he had invited the Baptist brethren, according to the vote of the last meeting.

Resolved that the Chinese printers be employed to print to the amount of not exceeding fifty dollars.

Resolved that Mr. North be allowed $160. in addition to his allowance for the payment of the price of his horse & carriage.

Resolved that Mr. North be authorized to rent a house for one year.

Meeting adjourned to tomorrow afternoon at 3 oclock.

August 8. 1838. Adjourned meeting

Present Ball, North, Dickinson, Tracy Wood & Travelli
Ball presiding.

Resolved that the rule requiring the Secretary to invite Missionaries of the Board visiting Singapore. to attend the stated meetings of the Mission, be rescinded.

Resolved that Mr. Ball be authorized to procure wine for the Communion & charge the same to the mission.

Resolved that Mr. Tracy be authorized to make such repairs and improvements on the Mission house & premises as he may deem adviseable, provided the expense does not exceed One hundred dollars.

Resolved that Mr. Travelli be authorized to have an Atap roof put on his house at the expense of the Mission.

August 24. 1839. Adjourned meeting.

Present Ball, North, Dickinson, & Travelli. Ball presiding.

Resolved, that Mr. Dickinson be authorized to dismiss the Chinese Teacher Yap. at the close of the Month, to hire another teacher at an expense not exceeding $8. per Month, and to tell Yap that he cannot have his present room after the end of this month.

Mr. Tracy & Mr. Wood came in after the commencement of the meeting.

Sept 4. 1839 Regular Meeting

Present, Ball, Dickinson, Wood & Travelli.

Dickinson Presiding

adjourned & afterwards called together on Bros North & Tracy coming ~~in~~

A Communication was recd from the Borneo Mission, requesting us to take the agency of such business as they may have at this place. See their letter of Sept 5.

Resolved that we comply ~~that~~ with the above request.

Resolved that Mr. Dickinson be the agent of the Borneo Mission.

Resolved that Mr. Ennis be allowed two hundred Copies of Johns Gospel, in accordance with his request in his letter of August 27. Which see.

Resolved that Mr. North be authorized to print 1000 copies of Ward's translation of the gospel of John in Malay for the Singapore Bible Society, or in case the Society decline to pay the expense, that he be authorized to reprint 1000 copies of Robinson version.

Resolved that 25 Copies of the Gospel of John be sent to Mr. Doty, Sambas, & also 100 of each of the tracts printed by us. also Chinese tracts ~~both~~ not exceeding in value $100, & also parts of the New testament not to Exceed in value $50.

Resolved that the treasurer be authorized to pay Dr. Tracy, the balance of his salary for the year 183$\overset{8}{9}$.

Resolved that Mr. Travelli be Secretary for the next six months.

Ext. Minutes sent to this date

October 2. 1839 Regular Meeting

Present Ball, Dickinson, Tracy & Travelli.

Tracy presiding, in absence of Mr. North.

The Secretary reported that he had prepared the abstract of the Minutes for the last six months, which after approval was forwarded to the Rooms in letter of Sept. 5. 1839. (See Letter Book p. 45).

Resolved that Mr. Wood address a note to the Borneo Mission on the subject of the Books received from Am: some time since.

The subject ~~of~~ presented in Mr. Andersons letter of June 15. 1838, to wit our views as to what should be made of this station, was discussed at some length.—

Adjourned to meet this evening at 7 oclock.

7 oclock P.M. All present.

The discussion was continued & afterwards it was

Resolved that Mr. Wood be a Committee to prepare a letter to the Rooms, expressing our views on the subject.

October 10. 1839 Special Meeting.

Present Ball, Dickinson, Tracy Wood & Travelli.

Tracy presiding.

The meeting was called to consider the letter prepared by Mr. Wood on the resolution as to views of this field, there having been some objection made to some parts of it.

Resolved that separate statements ~~be made by the several members~~ of the mission, unless some two or more can unite in one statement.

October 21. 1839 Special Meeting

Present Dickinson, North, Tracy, Wood & Travelli—

Whereas Mr. Tracy has been advised by physicians to remove as soon as practicable to a colder climate for the benefit of his health; therefore

Resolved that the Mission approve of his going to the Neilgherry hills and remaining there for one or two years, if he shall deem it adviseable, ~~&the~~

Resolved that Mr Tracy be authorized to draw from the treasury $500.- above his allowance for the current year, and that he be allowed to take $850. or a bill for £200.- before leaving Singapore.

Resolved that Mr Wood be appointed to fill Mr Tracy's place as superintendent of the Chinese printing department.

Resolved that Mr Dickinson be a Committee, to enquire into & arrange & settle the account of this Mission with the Canton Mission, for the Chinese Repository; ~~& that~~

Mr Ball came in after the meeting commenced.

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow money to meet the Current Expenses of the Mission, if necessary.

November 6. 1839. Regular Meeting

Present Ball, Dickinson, Tracy, Wood, & Travelli.

Wood presiding

Mr. Wood [illegible] stated that he had received an answer from the Borneo Mission stating that they would take the books & pay us the $15. freight &c when funds of the Tract Society for which they had applied should be received. The Committee was discharged.

Resolved that the Superintendent of Chinese printing be authorized to go on with the printing, so that there may be at least 500 copies of each of the approved tracts on hand provided there be not more than $50. drawn from the Treasury for this purpose.

Resolved that Mr. Wood be tract Correspondent in place of Mr. Tracy.

The subject of the application of the Female Benevolent Society of Westminster Vert Vt. & ~~from~~ of the Sabbath School of the Western Presbyterian Church Philadelphia. to have boys selected to be educated from their donations, was brought up & discussed - The views of the Prudential Com: as published in the Hera for Feby 1839 were read & it was Resolved that these are the views of the Mission on the subject & that Mr. Dickinson be a committee to write a letter to the Rooms on the subject.

Mr. Anderson's letter of June 20. 1839 was brought up & in reference to the Resolution of the Prudential Committee on the 12 th page of that letter it was

Resolved that Mr. North be a Committee to write to the Rooms giving them the reasons why the accounts have not been ~~yet~~ sent.

Resolved that the Secretary write to the Rooms on the subject of the Salary suitable for Missionaries at Singapore, stating that the Mission regard the allowance mentioned in the Report for 1837 as a suitable one.

The Treasurer presented his Monthly Report showing a balance in Cash of $144.20. & a bill for £200.

Resolved that it be the duty of the Com on the Annual report from time to time to fill up the tabular Annular view & forward it with the Annual report.

Nov. 13. 1839 Special Meeting

Present Ball, North, Tracy, Dickinson & Travelli & Wood

Wood presiding.

Resolved that Mr. Travelli ~~be~~ baptize A Bi, at the first convenient opportunity.

Note This boy is a member of the School. He came from Siam with Mr. Johnson of that Siam mission and originally came from China with his father. He applied for baptism on the 27. March last, & has since appeared very well.

It having appeared, from a careful examination of the various items which should be regarded in fixing the Salary of Missionaries at this Station, that the sum voted at the last meeting is somewhat too small therefore

Resolved that in the opinion of this Mission, the sum to be allowed per annum for a Married Missionary should be Eight hundred dollars, with One hundred dollars for each child during its first year and fifty dollars for each year after its first; and for an unmarried Missionary Five hundred and thirty three dollars and thirty three cents: together with a proper allowance for ~~House~~ rent, teacher, Medicines, and Medical attendance ~~and~~ for travelling expenses when voyages are authorized by the Mission for ~~the~~ ~~[illegible]~~ missionary purposes ~~[illegible]~~ by ~~[illegible]~~ or for health.

The Secretary presented the letter, to the Rooms which had been prepared in regard to the Salary, which was read, approved & ordered to be sent.

Resolved that the accounts just presented by Mr. North for the time commencing Jan. 1. 1837. ~~and~~ ending July 31. 1839 be approved and after being copied and such alterations in form made as may be approved be forwarded to Mr. Hill by first opportunity.

Resolved that the list of Medicines presented by Mr. Ball, be sent for by the Secretary.

Resolved that the list of articles for the school presented by the school Committee be sent for with the foregoing.

The subject of our opinions in this field again came up & after considerable discussion & comparison of views Resolved that Mr. Dickinson be a committee to prepare another letter.

Mr. North presented a letter which he had prepared in accordance with the vote of the last meeting, in regard to the accounts, this letter ~~[illegible]~~ the Mission directed should be sent to the Rooms, with accompanying on the part of the Mission remarks. See letter book page.

December 4. 1839 Regular meeting.

Present Ball, Wood & Travelli _ Ball presiding

It was stated that Mr. Dickinson had prepared a letter on the subject of this field, which after having been amended, was finally copied & given to Dr. Tracy to go by the Oneida. See Letter book page

Resolved that blocks be cut for the Three Character Classic & an edition of 1000 copies be printed.

A Letter from Siam Mission regarding their business in Singapore was read, & after some conversation on the subject _

Mr. Dickinson ~~[illegible]~~ was requested to act as the agent of the Siam Mission & also to answer said letter.

Resolved that Mr Dickinson be authorized to forward to Mr Williams the account between the two missions showing a balance in favor of the Canton mission amounting to $ & that to settle this account Mr North send a draft on Mr Hill of which the following is the form. "At six months sight please pay to S. W. Williams treasurer of the China mission or order $ (in money or by putting this amount to the credit of the China mission & charging the same to the Singapore mission, according as the said S.W. Williams shall direct)

Resolved that Mr. Wood be a Committee to answer the Semi-annual letter of the Canton mission, received Nov. ult.

Dec. 25. 1839 Special meeting

Present Ball, North, Dickinson, Wood & Travelli. Ball presiding.

Resolved that Mr. Dickinson be a Committee to make enquiries respecting the purchase of the hill or some other suitable place for a permanent location of the school, and prepare a letter for the rooms expressing the views of the Mission on the subject.

Resolved that Mr. Ball be a Committee to prepare the annual Report.

Mr. Wood presented a list of Chinese tracts to be given to the Singapore Tract Society they having intimated that such a donation would be very acceptable –

Resolved that Mr. Wood be authorized to make this donation.

Resolved that the superintendent of Chinese printing be authorized to print books corresponding to the list presented to the Singapore Tract Society and also so many as may be necessary to give us a supply of 2000 Copies of all books approved by the Am: Tract Society.

Resolved that blocks be cut for the Commentary on the Ten Commandments, Feast of the tombs, Whole Duty of man, Two friends, On gambling, & village Sermons.

Resolved that such broadsheet tracts be printed as may be approved by Messrs Ball, Dickinson & Wood, it being understood that they are such as come within the rules of the A. T. Society.

January 1. 1840. Regular Meeting

Present Ball, North, Dickinson, Wood & Travelli. Dickinson presiding.

Mr. Dickinson reported that he had forwarded the accounts of the Canton Mission & the draft in accordance with the vote passed Dec 4. 1839. See letter Book page. 107 Vol II

Mr. Dickinson also reported that he had forwarded by the Black Joke Dec. 1839 a draft for $135.50 for the Repository money, to S. W. Williams. as directed by the Mission. & he was discharged from both these committees

Mr. Wood reported that he had informed Mr. Stronach of the Secretary of the Singapore Tract Society of the donation of books voted at the last meeting of the Mission & that the books are nearly ready for delivery – See Letter Book. p. 116. Vol II

The subject of the claim on the Baptist Mission in Siam, for the use of the Press, types &c in certain printing done by Mr Jones several years ago & which was referred to the Prudential Committee & by them referred back to this mission, was again brought up & after certain statements mainly derived from Mr Jones who is now in Singapore – It was resolved that no further claim be made on the Baptist Mission for the use of the printing establishment as above mentioned – & further that the Secretary communicate the same to Mr. Jones.

Resolved that Mr. Dickinson be a Com: to revise the annual estimate of Expenditures & forward the same with the Annual Report.

Mr. Dickinson as the Committee to make inquiries respecting the purchase of Kyans Hill reported as follows.

It appears on enquiry that the property is rising in value, and that $3000. is not a high price for it. There is reason to fear that in case we should write to the Com^ee the place would be bought up by some one before we could get an answer from Boston. As the Mission is not authorized to make the purchase I am thinking of making the purchase myself, for the following reasons.

1. It will secure to the Mission for a moderate rent a situation for the School, superi

to any in Singapore that we can obtain, and inferior to none whatever except the Government hill which of course we are not to think of.

2. It will probably be as good an investment of my money as to have it at interest.

3. By cultivating spice & fruit trees on a part of the ground, pleasant & healthful exercise will be afforded to our school boys and to any of the Missionaries who may choose to work a little.

Whereupon after considerable discussion on the subject in view of these facts & statements

Resolved that we see no objection to Mr. Dickinson's purchasing the place as he proposes and that we advise him to do so, it being understood that this advice involves the Mission in no pecuniary responsibilities and implies no obligation whatever on the part of the Mission to continue to rent the place.

Resolved that Mr. Wood be a Committee to Communicate the above resolutions to the Prudential Committee together with the views of the Mission on the subject.

January 31. 1840. Special Meeting.

Present Ball, Dickinson, North, Wood Travelli.

The first draft of the Annual report was read and discussed—

It being our opinion that should Mr. Wood return to America taking with him his little daughter, the interests and usefulness of the Mission and of Mr. Wood would not only not suffer, but be promoted, therefore

Resolved that we respectfully request the Prudential Committee to grant permission for his return, and that we advise Mr. Wood to take passage for America about a year hence, with the expectation of being absent 18 or 20 months.

February 5. 1840 - Regular Meeting.

Present Ball, North, Dickinson, Wood & Travelli. — North presiding—

The superintendent of the school proposed a plan for the school for the coming year which after much discussion & desultory conversation was adopted.

Mr. Dickinson presented the Estimates for 1841-42 & 1842 & 43 - which after amendment was approved & ordered to be sent.

An election for officers resulted in the choice of

Ball & Dickinson	Auditors
North ——	Treasurer
Wood ——	Librarian
Travelli	Secretary

Abstract of minutes to this date, inclusive read & approved & ordered to be sent.

February 14. 1840 Special Meeting

Present Dickinson, North, Wood & Travelli.

North presiding.

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to sell the £800. just rec.d from Sam. Smith the avails pay the amount borrowed on their account from Syme & Co. & Spottiswoode & Connolly.

Resolved that Mr. Dickinson be a committee to write to Mr Church, on the ~~[illegible]~~ subject of borrowing money for the Siam Mission—

Resolved that until the Mission otherwise direct ~~the~~ not more than Ten Dollars per mensem be paid out for printing.

Note. The above resolution was adopted in order to have as large an amount as possible in our treasury for the relief of the Siam Mission in their pecuniary difficulties.

February 18. 1840 Special Meeting

Present Dickinson, North, Wood & Travelli.

North presiding

Mr. Dickinson, in regard to the subject of borrowing money for the Siam Mission made a report. When, after discussion the following resolutions were adopted.

1. That considering the imminent danger of prostrating the credit of both missions & that of the Board in Singapore, considering also the instructions we have recd. from Mr Anderson, considering likewise that the Singapore mission, so far as we can see is now as much pressed for funds as the Siam mission, partly in consequence of Mr Tracy's increased expenses caused by his illness & absence & partly owing to other causes, and considering besides that when in worse circumstances than we or the Siam

mission now are in respect to funds we have not dared to draw on the Canton mission which on account of their connection with the house of Olyphant &Co, are never pressed for money.

Therefore while we sympathize with the Siam brethren in their embarrassment and are disposed to do all we can for their relief, yet we feel obliged in present circumstances to decline borrowing more money for them.

2. That inasmuch as Mr Anderson has strongly objected to our proposal (with good reason doubtless) "that the Singapore mission be well supplied with funds in order to be prepared for the drafts of other missions & particularly of the Siam Mission" and has assured us "that no funds are placed in our hands except for our own [illegible] expenses" and "that it is no part of the plan of the Comm^n. to supply our treasurer with funds for the Siam mission" and inasmuch as for two years past we have never had more money on hand than we have [illegible] needed for our current expenses, & have sometimes been much pressed for funds, therefore the Singapore mission cannot hereafter accept any draft of Dr Bradley on our Treasurer when the payment of the draft will leave the Siam mission in debt to us.

A letter from Mr. Tracy requesting the balance of his allowance for the present year to be sent to him, having been laid before the Mission.

Resolved that the Treasurer be directed to forward to Mr. Tracy, the balance in the Treasury, after the payments for this month have been made.

Note It is supposed that the balance will be about $200. The remaining $150. will be sent as soon as possible.

Whereas, in consequence of Mr. Ball's removing to the Mission House there will be a vacancy in the large house on the hill, which is not likely to be filled by any member of the Mission for the next twelve months, and whereas Mr. Wood is desirous to board rather than to keep house himself & whereas Mr. N. has referred the question of his continuing to occupy his present residence or procuring another house, to the Mission, & whereas by his removing to the hill something may be saved to the Mission in the way of rent, therefore
Resolved that Mr. North be recommended to come to the hill & occupy the part of the large house vacated by Mr Ball.

Note Mar. 4, 1840 By the above arrangement, there was saved to the mission, in the rent of the present year; i.e. until August. $31. & the whole of Mr. Norths rent after that time. –

March 4. 1840. Regular Meeting

Present Dickinson, Wood & Travelli & North. Wood presiding

Mr. Wood having resigned the office of Librarian, Mr. North was appointed Librarian, at the suggestion of Mr. Wood.

Resolved that the Librarian be authorized to expend half a dollar a month, for taking care of the library, & preserving the books from insects &c.

Resolved that Mr. North be authorized to expend

$24. in building a bathing room in the rear of the large house on the hill, provided that the money be not drawn from the treasury till bills arrive from America. and also $ for a door on the back stairs.

April 1. 1840 — Regular meeting —

Present Dickinson, Wood & Travelli —

No vote passed —

April 9. 1840 Special Meeting

Present Dickinson, North, Travelli & Wood

Resolved that Mr Travelli be authorized to have a tile roof put on his house.

Resolved that the Siam Mission be informed that we are willing that they should draw on us to such an amount, out of the proceeds of the bill for £300 — now to go up, that they shall be in debt to us $450. — it being understood that this debt is to be liquidated as soon as money shall be again received from America.

April 11. 1840 Special meeting —

Present North Dickinson, Wood & Travelli —

North presiding —

Mr Dickinson stated, at the commencement of the meeting that he had written a letter to Mr Anderson requesting a dismission from the service of the Board, that he had also entered into an engagement with the Trustees of the Singapore Institution which was to commence on the first of next month, and that therefore he thought it proper now to withdraw from all responsibility in the affairs of the Mission and the and the Board and to relinquish his vote in the Mission.

In view of Mr. Tracy's absence and ill healt and the uncertainty of his return so as to afford efficient aid to the school; and in view of Mr. Ball's connection with the female school, which the Mission regard with great interest; and in view of our being no longer able to place dependence on Mr. Dickinson's aid in the schoo and in view of the precariousness of Mr. Travelli health; and in view of the fact that Mr. Woo seems the most suitable person now in the Mission to succeed Mr. Travelli in the charg of the school in case of his removal from Singapore; and considering that Mr. Wood cannot take charge of the school to good advantage in his present circumstances, therefore Resolved that the Mission think that Mr. Wood instead of waiting until the end of the year should take passage for the United States, by the first good opportunity ~~instead of waiting until the end of the year~~; so that he may be able to return to Singapore in the course of next Spring.

Resolved that Mr. Ball be appointed agen of the Borneo & Siam Missions from the firs of May next.

Resolved that Mr Ball succeed Mr. Wood in the care of the Chinese printing depart m

Resolved that Mr. Travelli have the superintendence of the Ch. block cutting.

Resolved, that in view of Mr. Dickinson's separation from the Mission, while we express our opinion as to the course he has tak we think it proper to record our feeling of deep regret at being separated from a companion with whom we have ~~[illegible]~~ been so pleasantly associated.

Resolved that we have ~~[illegible]~~ much confidence in and respect for Mr. Dickinson, as a man, a Christian, and a missionary, and that while so far as our own comfort & happiness, & the interests of the Mission, and of the Board in this part of the world, are concerned, we ~~[illegible]~~ regret his separation from us, yet we rejoice that he will still remain near us, and still be engaged virtually in the same work with ourselves, the enlightening and elevation of the natives of this region.

Resolved that Mr. Dickinson has our best wishes for his success in the new field of labour to which he ~~[illegible]~~ is going.

May 6. 1840. Regular Meeting

Present Ball, Wood & Travelli

Wood presiding.

Resolved that Mr. Ball be tract Correspondent in place of Mr. Wood.

Resolved that Mr. Wood be a Committee to converse with the Treasurer in regard to presenting the monthly accounts in accordance with the resolutions adopted July 3. 1839; the accounts never having been presented in conformity with those resolutions and no account having been presented for several months.

Note – The resolutions above alluded to were drawn up by Messrs Ball & Dickinson in consequence of the vote, on the subject passed June 5. 39. They were presented to the Mission & adopted, but not entered on the minutes. ~~[illegible]~~

After a careful examination & comparison of the minutes, together with their own recollection of the Circumstances, the Mission think this was on the 3rd of July 1839. — The following are the resolutions or paper of instructions to the Treasurer.

"Proposed that the Treasurer in rendering his monthly account observe the following principles & rules.

1. To commence with the balance of the preceding month showing the money, bills, &c of then in possession of the Treasurer.

2. To present a full account in detail of receipts & expenditures for the month, such an account that the Semi-annual account with Mr Hill and with the Siam, Canton & other Missions can be made out without reference to the books of the Treasurer. It is supposed that if the Cash book is properly kept this account will be simply a copy of it. If however any thing necessary to a full understanding of the accounts be wanting in the cash book this shd be noticed in the monthly account & the want supplied. In other words it is proposed that the accounts of the Treasurer with the Mission (not with Mr Hill, other missions, or individual members of this Mission) be settled monthly as well as semi-annually.

3. The accounts to be presented to the auditors on the day previous to the monthly meeting of the Mission — to be examined carefully by the Auditors, to be the first business in order before the Mission, and when approved to be preserved by the Librarian.

4. The account to extend from the first

day of the month to the last and not from meeting to meeting.

June 3. 1840 Regular Meeting
Present North Wood & Travelli—
North presiding—

Treasurer presented his monthly report showing a balance in the Treasury of $88.88 & also shewing that the Mission are in debt to Mr Gemmill & Canton Mission $1140. & that there is due to the Mission $450 from the Siam Mission; which was on motion accepted.

Mr. Wood having stated that he was authorized by Mr. Orr to loan $2000.— on condition that it be repaid at any time on one months notice; and having also stated his willingness as Mr. Orr's agent to loan the money to the Mission on the above condition, at Eight per cent interest, per annum.

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow the same on the above condition ~~& place the papers of the Mission premises~~ in Mr. Woods hands as security until paid.

Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Mr. Gemmill the Amt. borrowed from him out of the above $2000 as soon as it may be received.

June 12. 1840 Special Meeting—

Present. North, Wood & Travelli—

Resolved that Mr. Wood be authorized to draw $525.— from the treasury to defray th expenses of his passage to America.

Resd. that the treasurer be authorized to give Mr Wood an order on Mr Hill for a $148.— being the unexpended balance of $200.— voted him Sep. 27 1838. on account of his outfi the same not having been drawn hitherto in consequence of the embarrasments of our treasury.

July 1. 1840 Regular meeting

Present Ball, North. & Travelli—

Ball presiding—

The Treasurer did not present his monthly account & assigned as the reason for this, that he had been occupied in moving. &c

Treasurer reported that he had paid Mr. Gemmill as directed, & also borrowed the $2000 of Mr. Oris money.

Resolved that Mr. Ball be authorized to send two boxes of Chinese books to Rev Mr Rottger Rhio.

Resolved that the superintendent of the school, be authorized to dismiss the boys Miguel & Bernaldo, (Portuguese) in accordance with the letter of Mr. Anderson of March 3. 1840— page 11.—

August 5. 1840 – Regular meeting.
Present North, Ball & Travelli
North in the Chair.

The treasurer reported that he had borrowed from Mr. Travelli, as the agent of Mr. Orr, two hundred and fifty three dollars. at eight per cent per an: interest, the same to be paid on demand, which was sanctioned by the mission.

Note. This money was borrowed to prevent the necessity of disposing of the bills in hand for the present, as there is a prospect of prices becoming more favorable.

The treasurer presented his monthly report, agreeably to the regulations of the Mission, showing a balance in the treasury $44. 14. and also shewing that there is due to us from the Siam Mission $100. & from Mr. Medhurst Batavia $63.34 and bills on hand for $600.— also that we owe Canton Mission $240. Mr. Orr $2253. besides interest. & Mr. Dickinson $60.– the two latter sums being borrowed money.

The auditor reported that Mr. North had presented the account for last month within a day or two after after the last meeting of the Mission.

Mr. Ball reported that he had sent 2 boxes of tracts to Mr. Rottger as directed by the Mission.

Resolved that Mr. Ball be authorized to employ Achang as printer of Chinese on the same terms as it is done by the present printer.

Resolved that Mr Ball be authorized to have such timbers & boards in the dark room as have been injured by the white ants, removed, & replaced by others if necessary.

Resolved that the following items be allowed by the Mission. —

To Mr. North for repairs to the Atap house	$8.7
" Mr. Travelli " Do to large house	4.5
" Do for 1 Ream & 6 quires printing paper bought for Mission	4.37

Resolved that Mr. ~~North~~ Ball be authorized to have a door put on the back stairs at the mission house.

Resd. that Mr. Travelli, be secretary for the ensuing six months.

September 2. 1840. Regular Meeting.

Present North & Travelli. North presiding.

Resd. that Mr. Ball, be authorized to furnish Rev J. Goddard of the Baptist Mission, with 500 Copies of Each of the approved Chinese Tracts of the Am: Tract Society printed by this Mission, provided he is desirous to have them.

Resolved that Mr. Ball be authorized to send a similar number of the same, to the Siam Mission, on the same condition.

Resd. that the superintendent of the School be authorized to exchange some of Mr. Tracy's Spelling book for same at the rate of three of the former to one of the latter, with the Singapore Institution.

The Treasurer presented his Monthly report shewing a balance in the Treasury of $378.08. & also bills for £600. — and that there is due to us from Siam Mission $100. — Mr. Medhurst $63.74

Also that we owe to Mr. Orr $2253.- to Canton Mission $240 & to Mr. Dickinson $125.-

Res.d that Mr. North be authorized to purchase a bill on Madras for Mr. Tracy for $400, as soon as possible & forward the same immediately.

October 6. 1840. Regular Meeting.

Present Ball, North & Travelli.

Ball presiding —

Mrs. Travelli having been in ill health for many months past, & her physician Dr. Wm. Montgomerie having given his opinion that a removal to her native climate by the earliest favorable opportunity is "the only means left of restoring her to health, and whereas in her present state of health, she is likely to be rather a hindrance than a benefit to the School in consequence of the frequent demands on Mr. Travelli's time and attention, caused by her ill health, therefore

Resolved that the Mission approve of her return ~~to the United States by the~~ first suitable opportunity.

Resolved that Mr. Travelli be authorized to draw from the Treasury $600 for the purpose of defraying the expense of Mrs. Travelli's passage to the U.S. & other expenses connected with the same.

Resolved that the Mission approve of the boy Abi's going with Mrs. Travelli to the U.S.

Mr. Ball requests to have it recorded that being in the Chair, he did not vote on the resolutions in regard to Mr. Travelli's return, & does not wish to be considered as expressing any opinion, or as acting, on the matter at all.

Resd. that Mr. Ball be authorized to furnish the Male & female schools with paper from the Book Room on the following terms.

For	Copying paper	per Roll	12 cts.
"	White printing paper	Do	8 "
	Yellow Do	Do	6.

Resolved that the ~~item~~ of rate at which the item of paper is now charged, in making up the price of Chinese books & Tracts be increased 25 per cent.

Note. This resolution is adopted, on account of the loss on the sale of the paper to the school, and also from the fact that the white ants have made their appearance among it, thus rendering it probable that a large quantity of the paper will be destroyed before it can be used in any way to advantage, the demand for books having greatly diminished since the purchase of this paper.

Resd. that $2. be allowed Mr. Travelli to be allowed for a room for the Syce at the Stable.

Oct. 27. 1840 – Special Meeting

Present Ball, North, & Travelli

Ball presiding.

Resd. that Mr. North be authorized to remove the printing establishment, Binding & Foundry to the hill, and that $90 be allowed to be expended for the necessary repairs and alterations rendered necessary by this movement including a Kitchen, privy &c, for the large house, on condition that Mr. Dickinson will agree ~~to the [illegible]~~ that these improvements may be removed in case we should leave the hill. — ⁜

Res.d that Mr. Travelli be authorized to charge to Mission expenses, the price of a glass door got for the verandah room at the small house on the hill $4.50

Res.d that Mr Ball be authorized to have a bathing place erected for the girls school on the Mission Lot. & also a privy.

Res.d that Mr Ball be authorized to print for the Canton Mission 1000 copies of the small edition of the N. Test. in accordance with their request (See letter of S. W. W. Oct. 4. 1840)

Res.d that Mr. Ball be authorized, to spend $50.– in Chinese printing for the Am. Tract. Socy. during the next month.

Res.d that a block for the Multiplication Table in Chinese, be cut for the Mission.

⁜ Note – In conversation with J. S. Travelli Mr. Dickinson did agree to this condition – it being understood that the premises are to be restored to their present condition or one equally good.

Nov. 4. 1840 Regular Meeting

Present Ball, North, & Travelli

North presiding.

The Treasurer presented his monthly account shewing a balance in the Treasury of $61.50 & also bills for £400 i.e. one £300 bill & £100 in Mr. Dickinson's hand. contained in the bill placed in his hands to pay the £200 borrowed to send to Mr Tracy, out of the Borneo Bills. & also that ~~there is due~~ we owe to Canton Mission $240.– & to Mr Orr $919.67 besides interest, & to Mr. Dickinson $125.– & that there is due from Siam Mission $100.– & from Mr. Medhurst $63.34.

In consequence of Mr. Ball's stating that the item of paper as now charged is sufficiently high to cover all probable loss by damage to the paper on hand therefore Res.d that the 2 resolution on this subject at page 212. be rescinded

Resolved that Mr. Ball be authorized to send to Mr. Gutzlaff, four boxes ~~of Chinese books provided he can~~ find a suitable opportunity for Chusan

Res.d that the Librarian be authorized to send for a copy of De Guignes Chinese Dictionary, thro Mr Joseph Symons London.

Res.d that Mr. North be authorized to send to Mr. Symons for 50 reams of Stout printing paper

Dec. 15. 1840. Regular meeting

Present Ball; North & Travelli

Ball presiding.

The Treasurer presented his monthly report showing a balance in the Treasury at the end of Nov. of $640.68 also that there are bills for £500— also that there is due to us from Mr. Medhurst ~~[illegible]~~ $63.34 & that we owe Mr. Mr. Dickinson $155— & Canton Mission $240.

Resd. that Mr. Ball be authorized to send 4 boxes of Ch. books to Mr. Doty.

(Note these books were sent a short time ago)

Resd. that Mr. Ball & Mr. North be a Com: to dispose of the Malay tracts on hand

Resd. that Mr. Ball be authorized to send for 50 Catties of brush to Canton.

Resd. that Mr. Ball be authorized to have printed at the expense of this Mission 30 Copies of the History of the Jews, History of the U. States— Universal History & such nos of the Ch. Magazine as are necessary to make up 30 Copies of this Work.

Resd. that 150 of the Ch. Hymn books be printed.

Resd. that a hip bath— a bed pan a water Cooler, the whole $6.50 be purchased from Mr. Travelli for the Mission to be regarded as belonging to the medicines.

Dec. 28. 1840 – Special Meeting

Present Ball, North & Travelli –

Mr. Travelli having laid before the Mission, a certificate from his physician Dr. Montgomerie recommending "a total change as the only means left of restoring him to health, and advising that he proceed to his native country without delay;" Mr. North approves of his going & Mr. Ball declines voting.

Resolved that Mr. Travelli be authorized to draw from the Treasury the sum of $500 for the expenses of his outfit & passage &c.

Resd that the request of Messrs Orr & McBryde of the General Assembly's Mission for Tracts, approved by the Tract Socy be complied with.

Jan. 6. 1841. Regular meeting.

Present Ball North & Travelli

North presiding.

~~Resd. that an Almeria for the Medicines~~
be purchased from Mr. Travelli, price $4.00

The Treasurer presented his monthly report shewing a balance in the Treasury of $525.23 & that we have on hand bills for £600 – & that there is due from Mr. Medhurst $63.64 & that we owe to Canton Mission $240.00

Resd. that Mr. Ball be authorized to pay Achang the Ch. printer $20 as extra pay for printing 1000 copies of the small New Testament – it being supposed that the price according to agreement is too low on this book

Mr. Ball reported that the 1000 Copies of the small Ch. N. T. for Canton Mission are finished & partly sent off—

Res.d that the blocks for Mr. Deans Ch. Tract on Temperance be cut & 2000 Copies printed, with the expectation that the A. T. S. will approve the Tract.

Res.d that Mr. North be a com. to write to Mr. Thompson at Batavia ~~at~~ in reference to printing Malay tracts.

Res.d that Baptista, be employed as a sort of assistant for this Mission, and the Borneo & Siam Missions, in transacting business with ships &c & in sending off things — he to be allowed $9. a month $4. to be paid by this Mission $2.50 by each of the other Missions & his spare time time to be occupied ~~&~~ in the bindery & printing office.

February 3d 1841 Regular meeting

Present Ball, North, & Travelli

Ball presiding.

The Treasurer stated that unexpected duties had prevented him from preparing the usual monthly report in time for the meeting, but that he would send it to the Auditor, this evening or tomorrow.

Res.d that Mr. Deans Tract in Chinese "The Inquirer's Guide, be cut & 2000 Copies printed with the expectation that they will be approved by the Am: Tract Socy.

Res.d that 2000 Copies of the following Ch. Tracts approved by Mr. Dean, be printed—

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Heaven Jesus
The way from happiness to misery
The endless life
The Saviour of the world

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Resd. that Mr. Rottger be allowed $100.
on a/c of his Expenses in his proposed
"Extensive tour" to distribute tracts ~~in the~~ the
same to be charged to the Am:
Tract Society.